

Codes for Reimbursable SBIRT Services

The chart below lists codes approved by the American Medical Association (CPT Codes) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (G and H Codes) to be used by healthcare practitioners for reimbursable SBIRT services.

Payer	Code	Description
Commercial Insurance	CPT 99408	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; 15 to 30 minutes
Commercial Insurance	CPT 99409	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; greater than 30 minutes
Medicare	G0396	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; 15 to 30 minutes
Medicare	G0397	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention services; greater than 30 minutes
Medicaid	H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening
Medicaid	H0050	Alcohol and/or drug service, brief intervention, per 15 minutes

Resources for Codes for Reimbursable SBIRT Services

Private Insurance

More information about Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for private insurance is available from SAMHSA at <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention/SBIRT/index.aspx>

Medicare and Medicaid

More information about Medicare and Medicaid G and H codes is available from SAMHSA at <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention/SBIRT/index.aspx> and from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at <http://www.cms.gov/>.

More information on Codes for Reimbursable SBIRT Services is available from the Medicare Learning Network at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNgeninfo/>.

Physicians

AMA Healthier Life Steps™: Coding for Routine Adult Lifestyle Screening, Early Intervention, and Motivational Interviewing, published in *cpt Assistant: Your practical guide to current coding (2009)*, is available online from the American Medical Association at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/433/cpt-assistant.pdf>.