Drug and Alcohol Abuse Screening Questionnaire and Intervention Summary

SBIRT – screening + brief intervention + referral to treatment

PRE-SCREEN (aka Brief Screen)
A rapid, proactive procedure to identify individuals (12 yrs. +) who may have a condition or be at risk for a condition before obvious manifestations occur. A pre-screen may involve one or more short questions relating to drinking and drug use. This brief screen is considered an integral part of routine preventive care and is not separately reimbursable.

FULL SCREENING
Full screen entails asking clients a validated series of questions in order to assess the level of a client’s substance use. Full screens are indicated for clients with positive brief screens and for clients with signs, symptoms, and medical conditions that suggest risky or problem drinking or drug use.

Procedure codes:
- Negative full screen bill HCPCS H0049; potential diagnosis Z13.9.
- Positive full screen with brief intervention and/or referral bill CPT 99408 (15-30 min.) or 99409 (30+ min.); potential diagnosis codes (ICD-10): Z71.41, Z71.42, Z71.51, Z71.52, Z71.6
- HCPCS H0050 is no longer open for billing

Limit: two (2) full screenings and two (2) sessions of brief intervention per state fiscal year (July-June).
Medicaid reimbursement: see fee schedule

BRIEF INTERVENTION
For billing purposes, a brief intervention is defined as a period of time of at least 15 minutes of intervention after a positive full screen has been obtained. A billable intervention service could be any of the following:
- Brief Intervention
- Follow-up
- Referral is made or attempted
- Procedure codes: CPT 99408 (15+ min.) or 99409 (30+ min.) - Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention.

DIAGNOSIS CODES - Common diagnosis codes (ICD-10) for reporting SBIRT services:
Z71.41, Z71.42, Z71.51, Z71.52, Z71.6

NCCI EDITS:
SBIRT CPT Codes ARE impacted by the NCCI edits. Add modifier -25 to the E&M code and modifier -59 to the SBIRT code.

BILLING MANUAL: More information about the benefit, including provider qualifications, can be found in the SBIRT billing manual available under the CMS 1500 section.

ONLINE TRAINING FOR SBIRT
Provider training is required to bill Medicaid for these services. The Substance Use SBIRT mentor is an interactive, online training opportunity. The training cost is $59 and offers three (3) continuing education credits. Free training is available here: http://improvinghealthcolorado.org/training/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
- SBIRT Colorado website
- CRAFFT Screening Tool
- Center for Integrated Health Solutions: SBIRT Screening

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