SBIRT Encounters in Medical Settings

Medical

Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant

Evaluation & Management (E&M)

Codes for medical appointment

Warm Handoff to Behavioral

If warm handoff to behavioral health

then use E&M codes, document SBIRT work and save CPT codes for behavioral health

No Warm Handoff, use E&M and CPT codes

Alcohol Screen Diagnosis + CPT Code

V79.1 with 99420 Alcohol Screening (e.g. AUDIT)

Substance Screen Diagnosis + CPT Code

V82.9 with 99420 Substance Abuse Screening (e.g. AUDIT and/or DAST)

Behavioral

Independently Licensed: Psychologist, Social Worker

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)

Codes for behavioral health services

Warm Handoff from Medical

Alcohol Screen Diagnosis + CPT Code V79.1 with 99420, 99408 or 99409 Alcohol Screening (e.g. AUDIT)

Substance Screen Diagnosis + CPT Code

V82.9 with 99420, 99408 or 99409 Substance Abuse Screening (e.g. AUDIT and/or DAST)



SBIRT Progress Note Concepts

General principles in documentation

- Track clinical progress toward treatment goals
- Support the service billing / encounter

General outline (review your own needs before implementing)

- Type of screen (e.g. AUDIT and/or DAST) and score
- How motivation was enhanced
- Follow-up plan
- Needed referrals

