

# Provider Bulletin

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## Reminder to Provide Alcohol and Drug Use Screening, Assessment, Brief Interventions, and Referrals to Treatment (SABIRT)

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business.

### What you need to know:

In accordance with APL 21-014 and reinforced in APL 26-002, Molina recommends alcohol and drug use screening, assessment, brief interventions, and referrals to treatment (SABIRT) in Primary Care for Members ages 11 and older, including pregnant Members.

Information on SABIRT tools, assessments, documentation requirements, and billing guidance is available in the references below:

- Validated alcohol and drug use screening tools are listed in [APL 21-014](#)
- Validated alcohol and drug use assessments are listed in [APL 21-014](#)
- Definitions of brief interventions and referral to treatment are outlined in [APL 21-014](#)
- Documentation requirements are outlined in [APL 21-014](#)
- Reinforcing reference to SABIRT requirements are included in [APL 26-002](#)
- SABIRT Billing Code Descriptions chart can be found [here](#).

**SABIRT Billing Codes and Frequency Limits Table**

Billing Code	Description	When to Use	Frequency Limit
G0442	Annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes	Alcohol use screening	1 per year, per provider
H0049	Alcohol and/or drug screening	Drug use screening	1 per year, per provider
H0050+	Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention, per 15 minutes	Alcohol misuse counseling or counseling regarding the need for further evaluation/treatment.	1 per day, per provider

### When this is happening:

This requirement is ongoing and currently in effect.

## Provider Action

Providers should review the following resources to ensure compliance with SABIRT requirements:

- Review [APL 21-014](#) – Alcohol and Drug Screening, Assessment, Brief Interventions and Referral to Treatment
- Review [APL 26-002](#) – Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Responsibilities For Non-Specialty Mental Health Services
- Refer to the [DHCS Provider Manual – Preventive Services](#) for SABIRT program and billing guidance

## What if you need assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your [Molina Provider Relations Representative](#).

