Purpose

This policy establishes the process practitioners must complete prior to administering and billing Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral of Treatment (SBIRT) services to Medicaid-eligible patients in Kansas.

Summary

Practitioners providing SBIRT services to Medicaid-eligible patients in Kansas must complete the training and credentialing processes required by this policy. The policy requires practitioners to complete an online training program approved by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) with a proficiency test score of 80% or greater; and

1. Individual practitioners shall submit documentation of training completion and professional licensure to:
   a. (Prior to 7/1/18):
      i. The KanCare Managed Care Organization(s) (MCOs) whose managed care patients the provider intends to serve; and
      ii. The Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) for fee-for-service patients
   b. (Effective 7/1/18 and after the new enrollment process begins) KMAP for both managed care and fee-for-service patients

2. Facilities shall maintain documentation of training completion and professional licensure for each practitioner performing SBIRT services in the facility. The policy requires the facility to attest that the facility will only bill for SBIRT services if the employee performing the service has met the training and certification requirements.

Entities/Individuals Impacted

KanCare MCOs
Kansas Medical Assistance Program
SBIRT practitioners
I. Policy

Providers who wish to provide Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) as a billable service to Medicaid-eligible patients in Kansas must meet the credentialing and training requirements set forth by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)/Behavioral Health Services (BHS) in this policy prior to billing for the service.

II. Procedures

To become approved to provide SBIRT services to Medicaid-eligible patients in Kansas:

1) A health care professional shall be currently licensed in good standing as a physician, physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, psychiatrist, nurse, dentist, or certified health educator in the state of Kansas or currently licensed in good standing by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences regulatory board as a psychologist, social worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist or addiction counselor.

2) Practitioners must complete an online SBIRT training course approved by KDADS.
   a) A complete list of online training courses approved by KDADS will be maintained on the KDADS website (www.kdads.ks.gov) under the Behavioral Health Services tab.
   b) The SBIRT practitioner must complete all coursework and pass the proficiency test with a score of 80% or greater.

3) Individual Practitioners: At the time of enrollment, re-credentialing or revalidation individual practitioners shall submit the SBIRT training certificate of completion documenting a proficiency test score of 80% or greater; and current professional license and/or certificate to:
   a) (Prior to 7/1/18):
      i) The MCOs whose managed care patients the provider intends to serve as follows:
         (1) Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. – e-mail to the Credentialing Department at KS1Credentialing@Amerigroup.com
         (2) Sunflower Health Plan – e-mail to the Provider Relations Department at providerrelationsKS@cenpatico.com
         (3) United Healthcare Community Plan – fax to the service authorization number at (855) 268-9392
      ii) The KMAP Application/Training Department for fee-for-service patients as directed on the KMAP website.
b) (Effective 7/1/18 and after with the new enrollment process): the KMAP Application/Training Department for both managed care and fee-for-service patients as directed on the KMAP website.

4) **Facilities**: Facilities shall maintain documentation of training completion and professional licensure for each practitioner performing SBIRT services in the facility. At the enrollment, re-credentialing or revalidation, facilities billing for SBIRT services for both managed care and fee-for-service patients must attest that the facility will only bill for SBIRT services if the employee performing the service has met the training and certification requirements described in this policy. The attestation form can be found on the KMAP website and should be submitted to the KMAP Application/Training Department as directed on the KMAP website.

### III. Documentation/Quality Assurance

A. **Provider Requirements** – This policy requires practitioners to complete the online training course with a proficiency test score of 80% and above. Individual practitioners must submit professional licensure/certification and SBIRT training documentation to the appropriate entity(ies) as described in this policy prior to administering and billing SBIRT services to Medicaid-eligible patients. Facilities must submit attestation to KMAP prior to administering and billing SBIRT services to Medicaid-eligible patients.

B. **Documentation** – This policy requires:

1. **Individual practitioners** to provide a copy of the SBIRT online training certificate of completion and documentation of the provider’s license and/or certificate as a healthcare professional in good standing to the appropriate MCO(s)

2. Facilities to maintain documentation of satisfactory training completion and professional licensure for each practitioner providing SBIRT services in the facility. The facility shall submit attestation to KMAP.

C. **Quality Assurance** – The MCOs shall monitor provider compliance for the providers billing for services within their network providing SBIRT services. KMAP shall monitor provider compliance for the providers billing for SBIRT services for fee-for-service patients.

### IV. Definitions

**Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT)**: SBIRT is an evidence-based approach for identifying patients who use alcohol or other drugs at increased levels of risk with the goal of reducing and preventing related health consequences, diseases, accidents, and injuries.
Authority

Federal Authority

42 U.S.C. §1396a et seq

Related Information

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RELATED CONTENT:

BHS/MCO 504 Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) Services:
http://www.kdads.ks.gov/provider-home/training-registration-and-surveys/medicaid-mental-health-service-provider-training/trainings/sbirt-information

Applicable KMAP Provider Manual(s)