
SBIRT

Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment

SBIRT Medicaid & Medicare

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Operational Policy

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S – BI - RT

Screening

- Initial Screening
- Full Screening

Brief Intervention

- Increase motivation to change through supportive problem solving
 - Medical conditions
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- Substance use

Referral to Treatment

- Develop a plan of action with patient
- Offer options of services to the patient
- Match services to support patient's goals

Qualifications for Medicaid

Licensed Providers

Physicians

Physician Assistants

Nurse Practitioners

Licensed Psychologists

Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Under general supervision, auxiliary providers (incident-to)

Students: Medical, physician assistant, nursing; addictions, counseling, social work, psychology

Medical Assistants

MAs

Nurses

Registered Nurses

Health Educators

Wellness Coaches

Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselors
CADCs

Qualified Mental Health Professionals & Assistants

QMHPs
QMHAAs

SBIRT Medical Settings - Medicaid

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
Use of auxiliary providers allowed

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

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October 1, 2015: ICD-10 codes begin
Use **z13.89** instead of v79.1 or v82.9

Qualifications for Medicare

Licensed Providers

Physicians

Physician
Assistants

Nurse
Practitioners

Licensed
Psychologists

Licensed
Clinical Social
Workers

No auxiliary providers or
incident-to billing allowed

Only licensed providers allowed
to facilitate SBIRT and bill for
those services

SBIRT in Medical Settings - Medicare

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 G-codes for behavioral health

No Warm Handoff, use E&M and G-Codes

Alcohol Screen Diagnosis + G-Code

* v79.1 with Screen G0442 and/or BI G0443 or combined code for S & BI G0396 (15 min)
Alcohol Screening (eg AUDIT)

Can add drug screening to alcohol (eg DAST)

No Drug Only Service or Code

Behavioral

ONLY Licensed Psychologist or Social Worker

G-codes are used

Codes for behavioral health services

Warm Handoff from Medical

Alcohol Screen Diagnosis + G-Code

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How and when things happen

WORKFLOW

Length of Time

Screening: 30 seconds

Self guided through questionnaires

Scored by Nurse



Brief Intervention: 5-10 minutes

Longer when engaging
high level patients

Physician starts, then turn over to
Nurse or Behavioral Health Specialist



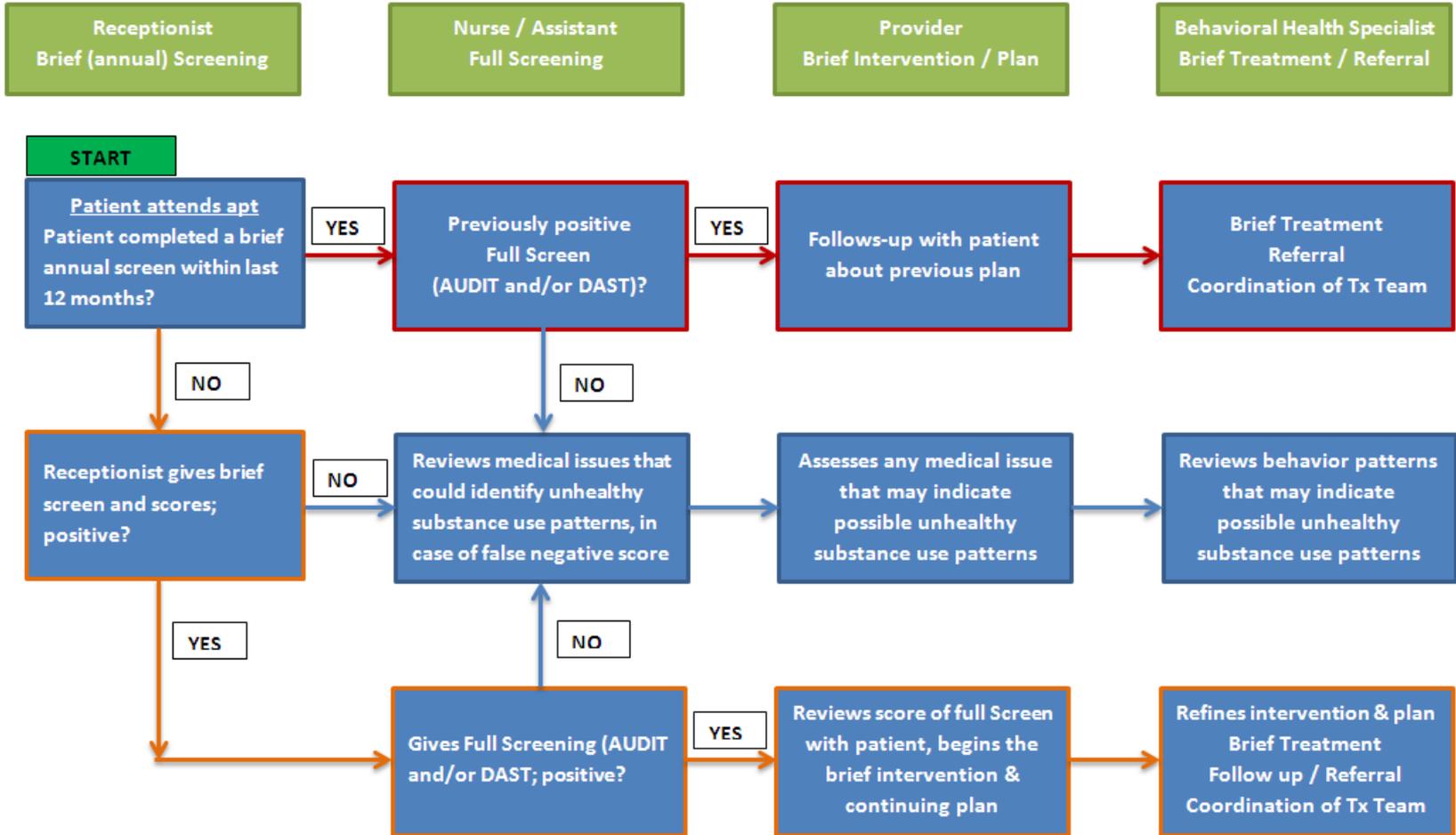
Referral to Treatment: 2 minutes

More complex when engaging
high level patients

Warm handoff to
community specialty care

General Workflow of SBIRT in Primary Care

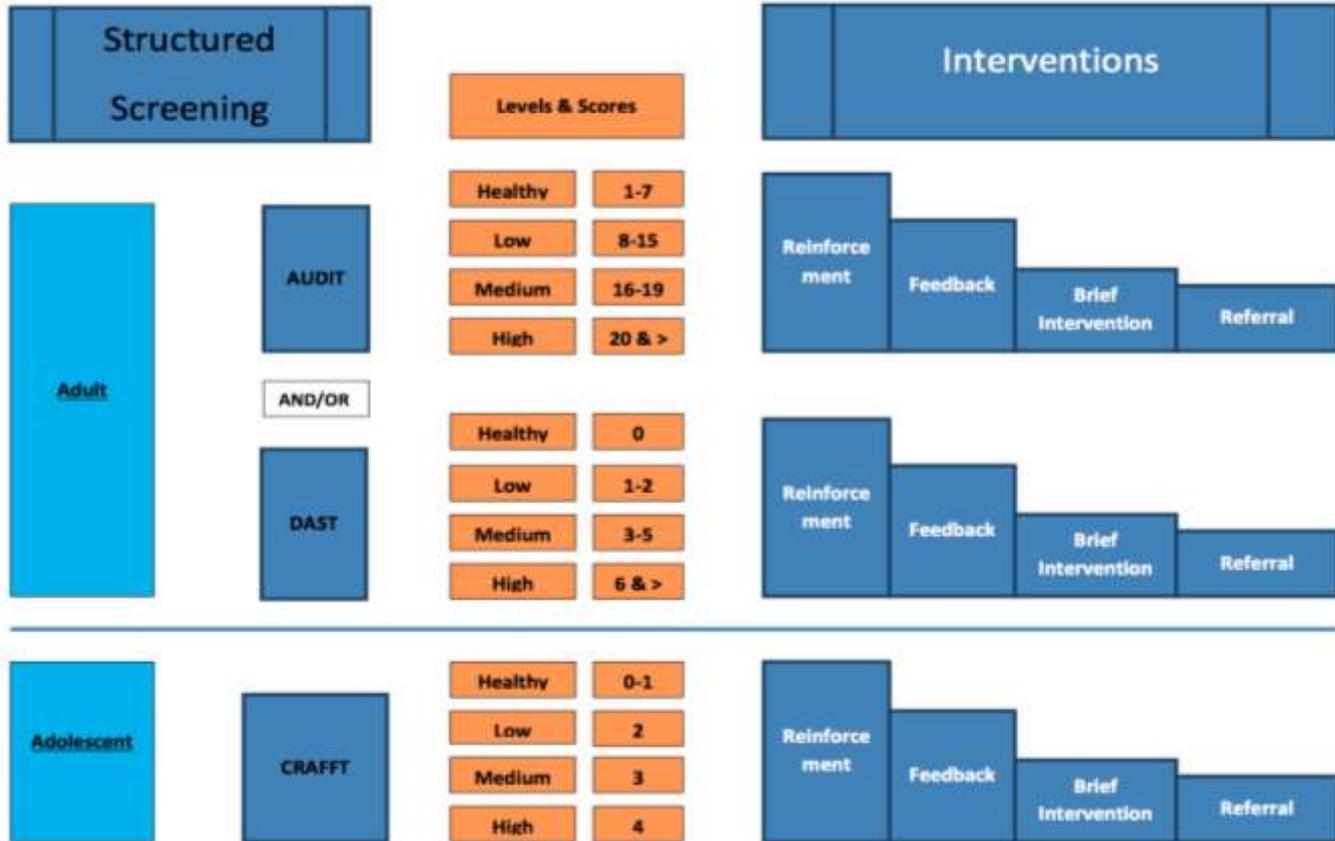
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 Green: Personnel
 Orange: Initial Workflow
 Red: Medical Stabilization



SBIRT Workflow Chart

Matching Structured Screening with Specific Interventions

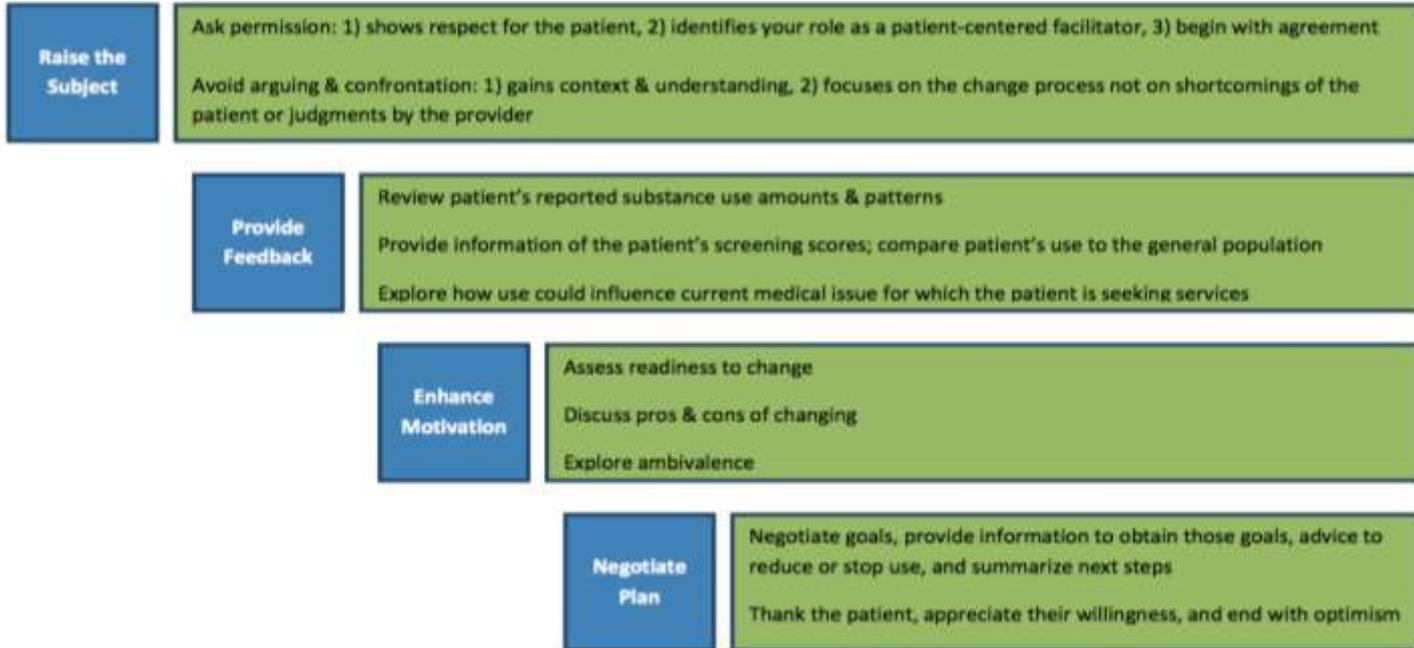
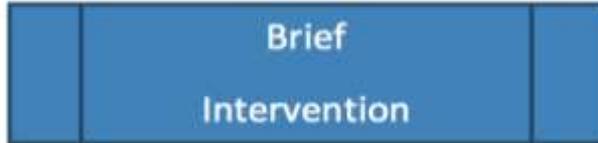
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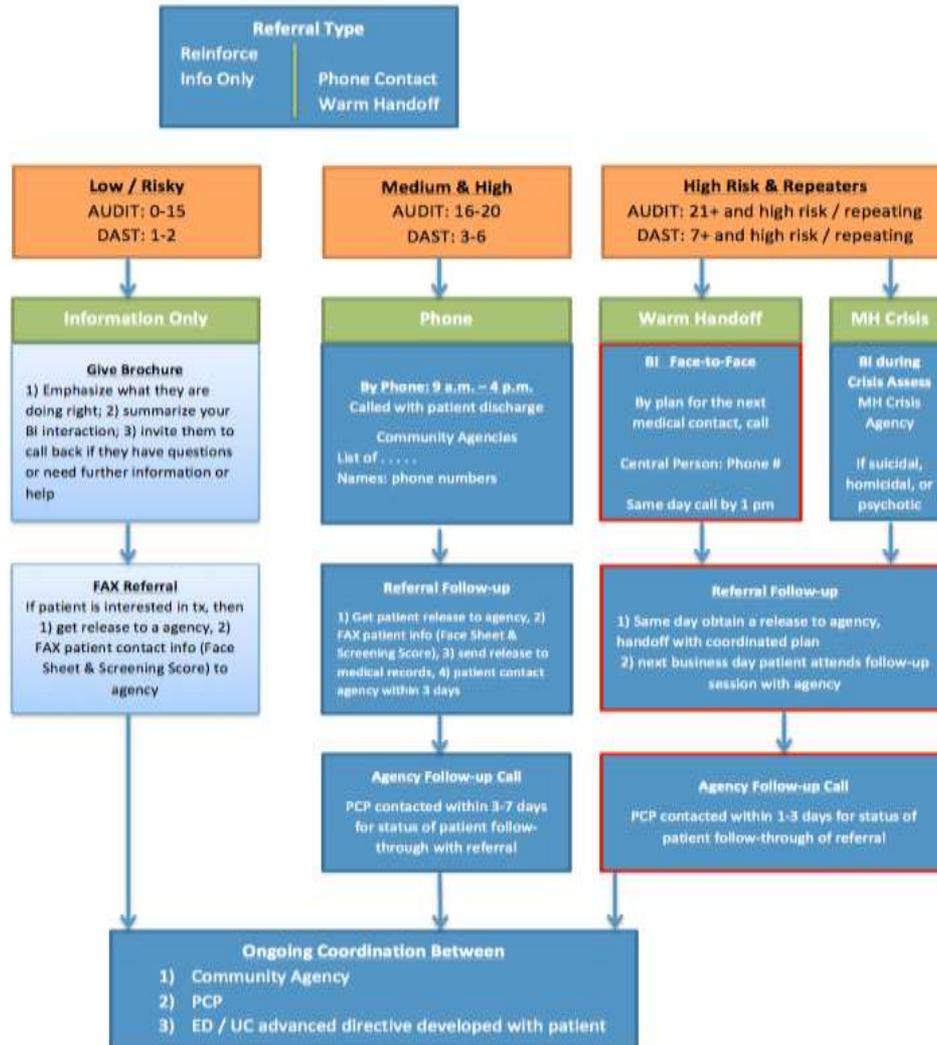
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Brief Intervention



Referral Type Breakout

Primary Care - - SBIRT Workflow Chart



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