

MEDICAID NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19/Kenosha Climate:

A new year has begun but COVID concerns are no thing of the past yet. In January, Kenosha County Public health [announced](#) the distribution of 440,000 N95 masks at various locations around Kenosha. Anyone with questions about COVID-19 testing or vaccines can contact the Kenosha Co. **COVID-19 Call Center** at 262-605-6799.

General MA Updates:

Medicaid has officially published the [Permanent Telehealth Coverage Policy and Billing Guidelines](#). Please review this policy (link below) to ensure your program/agency is providing telehealth services in compliance with this guidance. The Medicaid Reimbursement Team is available to answer any questions you have on this topic.



Click here to view [Forward Health Update No. 2021-50, "Permanent Telehealth Coverage Policy and Billing Guidelines"](#).

CLTS Waiver Program Updates:

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) received approval from the federal government to renew the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program, effective January 1, 2022. Renewal changes include the addition of new services to better meet the needs of children and their families. More

information can be found in the [Summary of Changes](#) published by DHS. Current or prospective CLTS providers can also participate in a DHS hosted **Teleconference** on **February 11, 2022**. Reach out to the Medicaid Reimbursement Team (.dlMAReimbursementTeam@kenoshacounty.org) for teleconference details, if interested!



SERVICE HIGHLIGHT:

Crisis Intervention: SBIRT

Kenosha County's Crisis Intervention program recently added another resource to their toolbelt: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services for persons with substance use disorders or those at risk of developing disorders.



Service Highlights:

According to Department of Health Services (DHS), SBIRT, "is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of **early intervention** and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders." This past year, Crisis Intervention has added staff members who are SBIRT trained and qualified so that persons in need can begin to receive SBIRT services.

SBIRT trained staff utilize the Alcohol Use Disorder Inventory Test (**AUDIT**) or the Drug Abuse Screen Test (**DAST**) to determine if a person is at risk. Staff can then provide up to four hours of intervention services to motivate at-risk persons to decrease or abstain from alcohol consumption and/or drug use. For those found to need more extensive levels of care, staff can also facilitate referrals to specialized substance abuse treatment and provide encouragement

and motivation along the way. Staff can provide this service to both **adults** and **juveniles**. SBIRT services cannot be provided to someone who is already engaged in substance use treatment.

To access SBIRT services, please contact the **Crisis Prevention Center at 262-657-7188**.

Questions? Email us at dIMAReimbursementTeam@kenoshacounty.org!

If you have questions about information in this newsletter or have Medicaid program related questions, please reach out to the Reimbursement Team! We are happy to answer questions or provide Medicaid billing training!

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