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Dear Managed Care Plans:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Agency developed a guide for Medicaid practitioners to utilize when billing services provided using the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model. SBIRT is a public health approach to treatment which supports preventative care and the identification of health concerns early in treatment before they become chronic, acute, or require more costly medical treatment, such as emergency services or hospital care. The Agency is encouraging Managed Medical Assistance plans to educate network providers about this model; especially those providers within physicians' offices and non-traditional health care settings. The Agency has identified procedure codes for physicians, County Health Departments, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Care Centers that can be used to follow the steps of the model. Additional information about the SBIRT model and the guide to using the SBIRT model for Medicaid practitioners is posted on the Agency's Web site at:

<http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/SBIRT/index.shtml>.

If you have questions, please contact your Agency contract manager.

Sincerely,



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