



# NETWORK Notification

**Notice Date:** January 2, 2026  
**To:** Indiana Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Behavioral Health Early Intervention (BHEI) Initiative - UPDATE

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This notification is an update to the [network notification](#) posted on June 12, 2025. See updates in **red text**.

## Background

CareSource will offer an incentive payment to eligible rendering providers who utilize preventative screenings for early identification and referral to behavioral health treatment for codes G0444 (Annual Depression Screening), G0442 (Screening for Alcohol and other Misuse), 99408 (Alcohol and/or substance abuse other than tobacco), and 99409 (Alcohol and/or substance abuse other than tobacco).

Eligible rendering providers will receive an additional \$25.00 for qualifying visits from dates of service: April 1, 2025, until December 31, **2026**. Codes are subject to benefit limitations according to Indiana Health Coverage Program (IHCP) guidance.<sup>1</sup> This incentive payment update does not reduce any payments or impact the fee schedule reimbursement rates. Also, this incentive payment excludes Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) providers.

## Summary

Research has shown that brief interventions can reduce health care costs when compared to more conventional treatment approaches.<sup>2,3</sup> Early intervention like depression screenings and SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) significantly impact individuals by enabling early identification of potential issues, allowing for timely intervention, reducing severity of symptoms, and improving overall health outcomes, particularly regarding substance use and mental health conditions like depression.<sup>4,5,6</sup>

CareSource is encouraging all eligible rendering providers to intervene early and utilize these screening tools with their patients so that referrals can be made for behavioral health treatment, if needed.

#GetToScreening

## Questions?

For any questions, please contact a member of the Behavioral Health Clinical Team at  
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<sup>1</sup> IHCP Behavioral Health Services Mental Health and Addiction Provider Reference Module

<sup>2</sup> [Bray et al., 2014; Bray, Zarkin, Hinde, & Mills, 2012; Zarkin, Bray, Hinde, & Saitz, 2015](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Estee, Wickizer, He, Shah, & Mancuso, 2010](#)

<sup>4</sup> [SBIRT in Behavioral Healthcare](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Implementing SBIRT in Primary Care: Lessons Learned from a Multi-Practice Evaluation Portfolio](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Integrating SBIRT into Clinical Practice Settings: A Brief Review](#)