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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Medicaid Fee-For-Service Providers

FROM: Kenneth S. Fink, MD, MGA, MPH, Med-QUEST Division Administrator 

SUBJECT: MEDICAID (G) CODES FOR SCREENING AND BRIEF
INTERVENTION FOR ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
HCPCS CODES G0396 & G0397

Medicaid Fee-For-Service contractors shall consider payment for the following HCPCS codes only when appropriate, reasonable and necessary (i.e., when the service is provided to evaluate patients with signs/symptoms of illness or injury) as per section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

- G0396: Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured assessment and brief intervention, 15 to 30 minutes
- G0397: Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured and intervention greater than 30 minutes

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leihinahina Sullivan at (808)692-7739 or lsullivan@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us.