



**To:** IEHP Contracted PCPs, Specialists and BH Providers  
**From:** IEHP- Quality Programs  
**Date:** February 11, 2021  
**Subject:** **IEHP DHCS Value Based Payment Program – PROGRAM GUIDE UPDATE**

An important update has been made to the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) **Value Based Payment (VBP) Program Guide**. An electronic version of the guide is available on the IEHP website at:

[www.iehp.org](http://www.iehp.org) > For Providers > P4P – Prop 56 – GEMT > Prop 56 – Value Based Payment > Value Based Payments (VBP Program Guide (PDF)). The VBP Program Guide includes the following update:

**Screening for Unhealthy Alcohol Use - Removed Codes**

**Effective immediately**, the codes listed below have been **removed** from the *Screening for Unhealthy Alcohol Use* service. These codes are no longer a Medi-Cal benefit as of **February 1, 2021** and should no longer be utilized to receive payment for this service. Please update your billing protocols accordingly.

CODE	CODE DESCRIPTION
<b>G0396</b>	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) misuse structured assessment (e.g., audit, dast), and brief intervention 15 to 30 minutes
<b>G0397</b>	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) misuse structured assessment (e.g., audit, dast), and intervention, greater than 30 minutes

Please refer to the VBP Program Guide to view acceptable codes to bill for the *Screening for Unhealthy Alcohol Use* service.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality healthcare to IEHP Members.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at [www.iehp.org](http://www.iehp.org) > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondences

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