

INTERIM INSTRUCTION NOTICE #15-002

October 28, 2015

SUBJECT: ICD-10-CM Diagnosis and Procedure Code Transition

DISTRIBUTION: All Department of Behavioral Health Staff and Contract Providers **OBSOLETE:** Upon completion of related policy and/or procedure

Effective Date October 28, 2015

From Department of Behavioral Health Quality Management Division

Introduction San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has complied with State and Federal requirements to transition all behavioral health diagnosis coding from ICD-9 to ICD-10-CM codes. This Information Notice provides guidance on the chart documentation requirements related to the ICD-10-CM transition. Additional guidance related to other chart documentation requirement changes per Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) requirements will be provided in a future Information Notice as soon as DHCS official guidance is provided.

Background On January 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) released a final rule 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 160 and 162, which mandates the transition from the International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision (ICD-9) to the more specific International Classification of Disease, 10th Revision Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and Procedure Coding System (PCS) code sets. The implementation deadline for using ICD-10-CM codes in claiming was October 1, 2015.

Pursuant to DHCS Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice (IN) No: 15-022 and No: 15-030, all MHSUDS claims with a Date of Service (DOS) on or after October 1, 2015, should use the appropriate ICD-10-CM code set. Claims with a DOS on or after October 1, 2015 with ICD-9 codes (either primary/secondary diagnosis) will be rejected.

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Requirements DBH is utilizing a “back end” crosswalk to convert ICD-9 codes to ICD-10-CM codes throughout the month of October 2015. The “back end” crosswalk was constructed to provide a one-to-one link between ICD-9 and ICD-10-CM codes per the DHCS crosswalk provided in IN No: 15-030. Some organizational providers made provider-specific arrangements with DBH to accommodate the needs of those organizations with electronic health records.

As of November 1, 2015, all DBH staff, organizational, and network providers are required to input ICD-10-CM codes directly into SIMON as well as document ICD-10-CM codes in client medical records. DHCS has issued an official Crosswalk that converts ICD-9 codes to ICD-10-CM codes and indicates the ICD-10-CM diagnosis that are Included Diagnosis for Medi-Cal claims.

Documentation Changes Effective November 1, 2015, all chart documentation will indicate diagnosis in ICD-10-CM coding and labels.

Specific areas of change include:

- Elimination of multi-axial diagnosis. Providers will no longer diagnose or code items previously captured under DSM-IV-TR Axis IV or Axis V.
- Medical conditions, previously coded under DSM-IV-TR Axis III, should not be diagnosed unless the provider has the Scope of Practice to do so.
- Although the ICD-10-CM forms will provide space for up to 5 diagnoses, only one diagnosis is required for treatment. This diagnosis must be Primary and must be an Included Diagnosis for Medi-Cal in order for services to be reimbursable through Medi-Cal. Additional diagnosis may be listed as appropriate.
- Only those diagnoses on the DHCS crosswalk should be used for claimable services.
- DHCS also provided a list of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) ICD-10-CM codes, which should be used for secondary diagnosis of a substance use disorder.

DBH clinics and contractor providers, who have not made prior arrangements with DBH, are directed to continue to use the DSM-IV-TR as their clinical reference tool for clinical formulation of diagnosis. Upon clinical formulation, the provider will use the DHCS Crosswalk to identify the corresponding ICD-10-CM codes available and identify the appropriate code from the set of more specific codes available in ICD-10-CM. The Blue Book, which can be used in identifying ICD-10-CM criteria for codes on the DHCS Crosswalk, is also a supported reference tool.

Questions Questions on this information notice shall be directed to the Quality Management Division at DBH-QualityManagementDivision@dbh.sbcounty.gov.

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References

- [Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice No: 15-022](#)
 - [Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice No: 15-030](#)
 - DHCS ICD-9/ICD-10-CM Crosswalk for Mental Health Diagnosis Inpatient
 - [Sorted numerically](#)
 - [Sorted alphabetically](#)
 - DHCS ICD-9/ICD-10-CM Crosswalk for Mental Health Diagnosis Outpatient
 - [Sorted numerically](#)
 - [Sorted alphabetically](#)
 - DHCS Included ICD-10-CM Diagnosis for Substance Use Disorders
 - [Sorted numerically](#)
 - [Sorted alphabetically](#)
 - [Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice No: 15-022 Enclosure: FAQ](#)
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Related DBH Forms

- Revised Forms
 - [Client Episode Summary \(CSI\) \(CLP002\)](#)
 - [Periodic Data \(CSI\) \(CLP004\)](#)
 - [Clinical Assessment-Adult \(CLP005\)](#)
 - [Adult Psychiatric Evaluation \(CLP013\)](#)
 - [Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Evaluation \(CLP014\)](#)
 - [Child/Adolescent Clinical Assessment \(CLP015\)](#)
 - [Diagnosis Sheet \(CLP022\)](#)
 - [Discharge Summary \(CLP025\)](#)