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EXPANSION IN THE AVAILABILITY OF INTENSIVE CARE COORDINATION (ICC) & INTENSIVE HOME BASED SERVICES (IHBS) PROCEDURE CODES

This Bulletin serves as an update to [QA Bulletin 13-04](#) regarding Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS).

Population Eligible to Receive ICC/IHBS

Effective immediately, ICC and IHBS are available to any EPSDT eligible child/youth for whom it is determined that these services are appropriate and medically necessary. Membership in the Katie A. class or subclass, and thus having an open child welfare case, is no longer a prerequisite to receiving the services. Per the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) [Medi-Cal Manual for ICC, IHBS, & TFC for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries](#), ICC and IHBS are appropriate for clients with more intensive needs or are in/at risk of placement in residential/hospital settings but could be served in the home and community. Given that ICC is “intended to link [clients] to services provided by other child-serving systems, to facilitate teaming, and to coordinate mental health services”, ICC/IHBS are appropriate for clients who are involved in more than one child-serving system (e.g. child welfare, special education, probation, drug and alcohol). As always, the services must meet medical necessity and be needed to best treat the mental health needs of the client.

Funded Programs/Plans

The ICC and IHBS procedure codes (T1017HK and H2015HK respectively) are now available under all Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) funded programs and Integrated System (IS) plans for EPSDT eligible children/youth. ICC/IHBS procedure codes are no longer limited to Wraparound, IFCCS and TFC funded programs.

Legal Entity and Directly Operated Providers

In order for a provider to have access to the ICC and IHBS procedure codes, they must first have received training in ICC/IHBS, the Core Practice Model (CPM), and Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings. Additional information regarding which providers will be trained and how to refer clients for ICC/IHBS will be provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Children’s System of Care Bureau.

When To Use the ICC/IHBS Procedure Codes

The ICC and IHBS procedure codes should only be used if the following criteria are met:

1. The provider has been granted access to the ICC/IHBS procedure codes;
2. The client is appropriate for ICC/IHBS services and the services are medically necessary;
3. The service is provided consistent with the CPM and elements of the CPM are evidenced in the progress note documentation;
4. For ICC, the service is provided utilizing the CFT process;
5. For IHBS, the service is predominantly delivered outside an office setting and in the home, school, or community.

A Guide to Procedure Codes for Claiming Mental Health Services and the Organizational Provider's Manual have been updated to reflect the above mentioned changes and are available on-line at:
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/admin_tools/prov_manuals

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