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UPDATES TO THE INCLUDED & ALLOWABLE ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSES LISTS

Per State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Information Notice (IN) 20-043, issued on July 8, 2020, the Outpatient & Day Services and Inpatient “included” ICD-10-CM Diagnoses lists have been updated effective October 1, 2019. Based on the date of DHCS notification to the County, providers do not need to make retroactive edits or changes to existing claims. The updated diagnoses should be used from the date of this bulletin forward for new or returning clients or when a diagnosis needs to be updated. Providers do not need to change existing diagnoses based solely on the updates.

Change in Use of R69 Diagnosis Deferred (Illness Unspecified)

Since R69, Diagnosis Deferred (Illness Unspecified), has been removed from DSM-5, providers should no longer use this code when assessing a client. Instead, providers should use Z03.89, Encounter for Observation for Other Suspected Diseases and Conditions Ruled Out, previously referred to as No Diagnosis, during the assessment period in which a diagnosis is yet to be determined (or when the determination is that no diagnosis exists).

Addition of F84.0 Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder) as an Included Diagnosis

F84.0, Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder), has been added as an included diagnosis under outpatient specialty mental health services (SMHS) to align with DSM-5 diagnostic criteria. Individuals who would have been diagnosed with Asperger’s Disorder or Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS under DSM-IV should now be given a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder) under DSM-5. Providers should no longer use the DSM-IV criteria for Pervasive Development Disorder as previously directed in QA Bulletin 17-07 (based on IN 16-051). Although Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder) is now considered an included diagnosis, no new obligation has been created for outpatient SMHS providers to cover and/or treat clients with this diagnosis. For example, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and other behavioral health treatment services are not considered SMHS and therefore are not covered/reimbursable services. Providers should continue to offer existing SMHS to this population while the Regional Centers and Managed Care Health Plans continue to provide the services for which they are responsible ([DHCS All Plan Letter 18-006](#); *Responsibilities for Behavioral Health Treatment Coverage for Members under the Age of 21*).

Organizational Providers Manual

The ICD-10-CM included diagnoses lists for Outpatient & Day Services and Inpatient Services will be removed from the Organizations Provider’s Manual and will be posted separately on the DMH QA webpage (<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/qa/qama/>). Additionally, DMH will no longer maintain a list of “allowable” ICD-10-CM diagnoses for contract providers. Contract providers should ensure a valid ICD-10-CM code is used on claims. A list of valid ICD-10-CM codes can be found on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10>). This list includes both “included” and “excluded” diagnosis codes. As a reminder, services for Medi-Cal must be directed towards addressing the “included” diagnosis except while conducting the assessment or emergency/crisis services. Refer to the [Organizational Provider’s Manual](#) for additional information related to when an included diagnosis is required on claims.

As a reminder, more diagnosis updates will occur on **October 1, 2020**. Legal Entity providers should check the CMS website for any changes and updates. For Directly Operated providers, IBHIS is automatically updated so no action is necessary.

Outpatient Included Diagnoses List Modifications Effective October 1, 2019

Added diagnoses:

F32.81	Premenstrual dysphoric disorder
F84.0	Autistic Disorder (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)

Diagnoses with new diagnosis descriptions:

G21.0 Malignant neuroleptic syndrome

Inpatient Included Diagnoses List Modifications Effective October 1, 2019

Added diagnoses:

F10.159 Alcohol abuse with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F10.259 Alcohol dependence with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F10.959 Alcohol use, unspecified with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F10.980 Alcohol use, unspecified with alcohol-induced anxiety disorder
F11.159 Opioid abuse with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F11.259 Opioid dependence with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F11.959 Opioid use, unspecified with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F12.159 Cannabis abuse with psychotic disorder, unspecified
F12.259 Cannabis dependence with psychotic disorder, unspecified
F12.959 Cannabis use, unspecified with psychotic disorder, unspecified
F13.159 Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F13.259 Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic dependence with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F13.959 Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic use, unspecified with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F14.159 Cocaine abuse with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F14.259 Cocaine dependence with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F14.959 Cocaine use, unspecified with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F15.159 Other stimulant abuse with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F15.259 Other stimulant dependence with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F15.959 Other stimulant use, unspecified with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F16.159 Hallucinogen abuse with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F16.259 Hallucinogen dependence with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F16.959 Hallucinogen use, unspecified with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F18.159 Inhalant abuse with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F18.259 Inhalant dependence with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F18.959 Inhalant use, unspecified with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F19.159 Other psychoactive substance abuse with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F19.259 Other psychoactive substance dependence with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
F19.959 Other psychoactive substance use, unspecified with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified
G21.0 Malignant neuroleptic syndrome
G21.11 Neuroleptic induced parkinsonism

Diagnoses with new diagnosis descriptions:

F84.0 Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder)

If directly-operated or contract providers have questions related to this Bulletin, please contact the Quality Assurance Unit at QualityAssurance@dmh.lacounty.gov.

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