UPDATING SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE DIAGNOSES AND DUAL DIAGNOSIS CODES

This Bulletin is in response to questions regarding how to update the substance use/abuse diagnosis and/or the dual diagnosis code in a client’s Clinical Record after an episode has already been opened. The MH 501-Diagnosis Information Form, see attached, should be used for both of these purposes. Changes should NOT be made on the Initial Assessment.

To Change/Update an Axis I Substance Use/Abuse Diagnosis
If at any point after admission/the opening of the episode, it is determined that the client has a different or new substance use/abuse diagnosis, a Diagnosis Information form should be completed and given to data entry to update the diagnosis and/or dual diagnosis code in the IS. Simply list the full Five Axis diagnosis as it CURRENTLY stands. For any diagnosis that is added, the Diagnosis Information form requires a justification for the new diagnosis. If the justification can be found elsewhere in the Clinical Record, the document containing the justification may be referenced on the Diagnosis Information form.

To Change/Update a Dual Diagnosis Code
Similarly to the above method for changing/updating a diagnosis, the Diagnosis Information Form must be completed and given to data entry staff. However, a justification is not needed if only the dual diagnosis code is being changed/updated. Please see the Dual Diagnosis Decision Tree, see attached, regarding how to choose the appropriate Dual Diagnosis Code.

MH 501- Diagnosis Information form can be found at:
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/ToolsForClinicians/clinical_forms.html
Notes: Instructions for completing the form can be accessed by clicking on the question mark on the top of the form.

Pages 73 and 74 of the IS Codes Manual which lists all Dual Diagnosis Codes are attached and can also be found at: http://dmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/downloads/CODES_MANUAL_IS1_Version_3.4.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact John Sheehe (COD Coordinator) with Co-Occurring Disorders questions or Jennifer Eberle (Quality Assurance Staff) with documentation questions.

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Type of Diagnosis Information:
- Admission Diagnosis
- Clerical Revision to Admission Diagnosis
- Clinical Update to Current Diagnosis
- Clerical Revision to Current Diagnosis
- Other (please specify): 

New/Updated Diagnosis: (include full Current Five Axes Diagnosis)
Note: The medication monitoring computer program will compare both the Principle and Secondary Diagnosis with any prescribed medication. A diagnosis consistent with the usual use of a given medication MUST appear as either the Principle or Secondary Diagnosis in the current/discharge diagnosis fields of the IS. If a diagnosis is inconsistent for the usual use of a medication, the medication MUST be specifically authorized through review and approval procedures.

Axis I
- Prin [ ] Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
(Medications cannot be prescribed with a deferred diagnosis)
- Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
- Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
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Axis II
- Prin [ ] Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
- Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
- Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]
- Sec [ ] Code [ ] Nomenclature [ ]

Axis III Code [ ]
Code [ ]
Nomenclature [ ]

Axis IV Psychological and Environmental Problems which may affect diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis
Check as many as apply:
1. Primary Support Group
2. Social Environment
3. Educational
4. Occupational
5. Housing
6. Economics
7. Access to Health Care
8. Interaction with Legal System
9. Other Psychosocial/Environmental
10. Inadequate information

Axis V Current GAF: [ ]
DMH Dual Diagnosis Code: [ ]

Justification:
- See initial Medication Support Service dated [ ]
- See Assessment Addendum dated [ ]
- Justification from current Diagnostic Manual:

Signature & Discipline [ ]
Date [ ]
Co-signature & Discipline (when required) [ ]
Date [ ]

[ ] Diagnosis has been entered in the IS by [ ] (initials) on [ ] (date).

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IS#: [ ]
Agency: [ ]
Provider #: [ ]
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DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION
DUAL DIAGNOSIS CODE DECISION TREE (9-25-09)

Has client ever used any PSYCHOACTIVE substances IN A NON-PRESCRIBED MANNER, (excluding nicotine or caffeine)?

30XNO

NO

Has client ever used to the point of intoxication?

30XNO

NO

Has psychoactive substance use interfered with the client’s psychiatric condition or adaptive functioning?

30XNO

NO

Does client meet criteria for an Axis I DSM-IV diagnosis of substance abuse or dependence? (even if currently “in remission”)

30U ___*

NO

When using a 30X Code (other than 30XNO), coinciding secondary Axis I substance abuse/dependence diagnosis(es) should be given.
**Dual Diagnoses Codes for Substance Abuse**

*NOTE:* Report at admission, annually thereafter, and at discharge.

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“DUAL” Codes | Dual Diagnosis Description | DSM IV Codes Reference
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30xPS 30uPS | Poly-substance Use | 304.80 Poly-substance Dependence (includes remission)
30xNO | No use of or history of psychoactive substances that interferes with the mental disorder and adaptive functioning.
99999 | Unknown | 

NOTE:

X Codes: The Dual Diagnosis codes under (x) are to be used for clients who meet the DSM IV criteria for psychoactive substance intoxication, abuse, and dependence (includes remission).

U Codes: The Dual Diagnosis codes under (u) are to be used to report clients with psychoactive substance use which interferes with their mental disorder and adaptive functioning.