

# Quality Assurance Bulletin

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Program Support Bureau

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# 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.

<u>To Change/Update a Dual Diagnosis Code</u> 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.

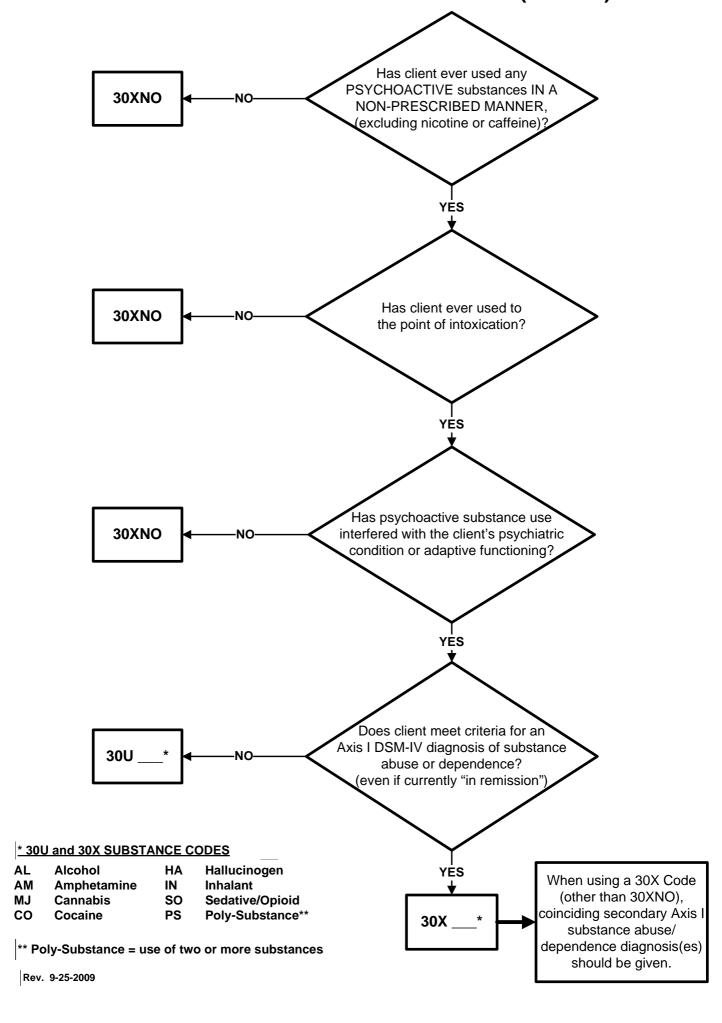
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# **DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION**

Type of Diagnosis Information:  Admission Diagnosis	☐ Clerical Revision to Admission Diagnosis ☐ Clerical Revision to Current Diagnosis					
☐ Clinical Update 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.						
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(Medication	s cannot be prescribed with a deferred diagnosis)					
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	Code nmental 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	S by (initials) on (date).					
This confidential information is provided to you Federal laws and regulations including but not lin and Institutions code, Civil Code and HII Duplication of this information for further disclo prior written authorization of the client/authorization of the client/authorization of the grains unless otherwise permitted by law. Dest is required after the stated purpose of the original	Name: IS#:  PAA Privacy Standards. sure is prohibited without I representative to whom it truction of this information  I os Angeles County - Department of Mental Health					

# **DUAL DIAGNOSIS CODE DECISION TREE (9-25-09)**



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### DUAL DIAGNOSES CODES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

NOTE:

Report at admission, annually thereafter, and at discharge.

	UAL" odes	Dual Diagnosis Description	DSM I	V Codes Reference
30xAL	30uAL	Alcohol	303.00	Alcohol Intoxification
			303.90	Alcohol Dependence (Includes remission)
			305.0	Alcohol Abuse
30xAM	30uAM	Amphetamine	292.89	Amphetamine or other similarly acting Sympathomimetic intoxication or
			305.70	Abuse or
			304.40	Dependence (includes remission)
30xMJ	30uMJ	Cannabis	292.89	Cannabis (Marijuana or Hashish)
			Intoxica	ation Or
			305.20	Abuse or
			304.30	Independence (includes remission)
30xCO	30uCO	Cocaine	292.89	Cocaine Intoxication
			305.60	Cocaine Abuse
			304.20	Cocaine Dependence (includes remission)
30xHA	30uHA	Hallucinogen	292.89	Hallucinogen, Phencyclidine (PCP) or Similarly acting Arcyclohexylamine Intoxication or
			305.30	Abuse or
			304.50	Dependence (includes remission)
30xIN	30uIN	Inhalants	292.89	Inhalant Intoxication or
			305.90	Abuse or
			304.60	Dependence (includes remission)
30xSO	30uSO	Sedatives	292.89	Sedative, Hypnotic or Anxiolytic Intoxication Opioids Or

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### DUAL DIAGNOSES CODES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE (con't)

	"DUAL" <u>Codes</u>	Dual Diagnosis <u>Description</u>	DSM I	V Codes Reference
30xPS	30uPS	Poly-substance Use	304.10 292.89 305.50 304.00	Abuse or Dependence (includes remission) Opiod Intoxication or Abuse or Dependence (includes remission) Poly-substance Dependence (includes remission)
30xNO		No use of or history of disorder and adaptive Unknown	of psychoactive substances that interferes with the mental e functioning.	
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#### 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.