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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION  
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
AGENCIES  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
DRUG MEDI-CAL DIRECT CONTRACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, TENTH  
REVISION (ICD-10) INCLUDED CODE SETS AND TEST PLAN FOR  
SHORT DOYLE MEDI-CAL II BILLING

REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CODE OF  
FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45, SECTION 162.1002  
(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2009)

The Department of Health Care Services is issuing this Information Notice to apprise counties, direct providers, and mental health plans (MHP) of the release of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) Test Plan, list of included ICD-10 diagnosis codes for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services, and ICD-10 procedural and diagnosis crosswalk documents for Specialty Mental Health (SMH) Services. The list of ICD-10 inpatient procedural codes for mental health services and the list of ICD-10 diagnoses codes for both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) were reviewed by various behavioral health stakeholders and clinicians. As a result, all identified ICD-code sets will assist stakeholders with upgrading their operations to ensure their systems and business processes are ready for implementation for Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) II claims with the date of service (DOS) beginning on October 1, 2015. In regards to the 837I, the control date in SD/MC II system is the Statement Thru Date. Any service with a Statement Thru Date before October 1, 2015, will require an ICD-9 diagnosis. Any service with a Statement Thru Date on or after October 1, 2015, will require an ICD-10 diagnosis.

### **ICD-10 Procedure/Diagnosis Codes**

All MHSUDS claims with a DOS on or after October 1, 2015, should use the appropriate ICD-10 code set. Claims with a DOS on or after October 1, 2015, with ICD-9 codes (either primary/secondary diagnosis) will be rejected.

All SUD claims submitted with a DOS on October 1, 2015, and thereafter will be cross-referenced to validate the supplied diagnosis code per an ICD-10 table within SD/MC II. Contrary, SMH claims will not currently be subjected to a diagnosis code validation check within the SD/MC II system; however, this is subject to change in the near future with notification to all stakeholders when the validation check for SMH services claims is implemented.

SMH claims that are denied because the claim did not contain an appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis or inpatient procedure code will receive the following claim adjustment reason codes and remittance advice remark codes:

- Diagnosis Code Denial: CO 16 M76
- Procedure Code Denial: CO 16 M51

In regards to SUD claims, there are no known changes to the adjustment reason code for an unallowable ICD-code.

### **Technical Requirements and Test Plan**

Trading partners are encouraged to review the technical requirements published on the Information Technology Web Services (ITWS) site and to make the appropriate system changes to accommodate the ICD-10 implementation.

The ICD-10 Test Plan is also available on the ITWS, which gives all trading partners whose claims are processed through the SD/MC II adjudication system, the opportunity to test their systems for successful ICD-10 implementation. The Test Plan provides information related to the process and timelines for testing their billing system changes for the ICD-10 implementation. Testing for ICD-10 changes is scheduled to be available to trading partners beginning July 27, 2015. Trading partners are strongly encouraged to complete the testing of their systems for ICD-10 changes before October 1, 2015, to ensure their claims are appropriately adjudicated for payment.

Questions regarding the content of this information notice or its enclosure that are related to Mental Health Services may be directed to the MHSD County Customer Services Section at: [MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MedCCC@dhcs.ca.gov) or (916) 650-6525.

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Sincerely,

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