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TO: LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM CHIEFS
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSONS, LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO DSM IV-TR FOR REPORTING MENTAL HEALTH
DIAGNOSIS CODES

This is to notify you that effective immediately the Department of Mental Health (DMH) requires that all counties report diagnoses using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual-Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR). As you may recall, the Client and Services Information System (CSI) Letter Number 01-03 detailed this change and the requirements for that system. The requirement is now being extended to other reporting systems in DMH, such as Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claiming.

This latest version includes date-dependent changes in codes specific to Dementia and Nicotine Dependence diagnoses. There have been eight discontinued Dementia diagnostic codes, one revised Nicotine Dependence diagnosis, and six new Dementia diagnostic codes. The list of the code changes is enclosed.



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Please direct any questions about the revised diagnostic codes to the DMH Medical Director at (916) 654-2309. If you have questions about specific reporting systems, please contact the respective staff who usually work with the systems.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director

Enclosure

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