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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

SUBJECT: SHORT-DOYLE/MEDI-CAL SYSTEM CHANGES PER INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, TENTH REVISION (ICD-10)

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 (DHCS) is issuing this Information Notice to apprise counties, direct providers, and mental health plans of the transition from the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) to the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10), which includes ICD-10 Clinical Modification (CM) for all diagnosis coding, and the Procedure Coding System codes for inpatient hospital procedural coding. This transition is effective for all Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) system claims with dates of service (DOS) beginning October 1, 2015. The use of ICD-9 codes is mandated for all SD/MC system claims with DOS through September 30, 2015.

On August 4, 2014, the United States Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule on July 31, 2014, in the Federal Register to implement Section 212 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) (Public Law 113-93). PAMA prohibited the Secretary of Health and Human Services from adopting the ICD-10 code sets prior to October 1, 2015.

The final rule that went into effect on September 3, 2014, changed the compliance date for ICD-10 from October 1, 2014, to October 1, 2015. The final rule also required the continued use of the ICD-9, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), Volumes 1 and 2 (diagnoses), and 3 (procedures), including the Official ICD-9-CM Guidelines for Coding

and Reporting, through September 30, 2015. This new deadline gives providers, insurance companies, and others in the health care industry time to upgrade their operations to ensure their systems and business processes are ready for implementation for all SD/MC claims with DOS beginning on October 1, 2015.

Additional information will be provided regarding the implementation of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition and the effects to SD/MC claiming and Client and Services Information Systems at a later date. In the interim, a Readiness Assessment Survey will be sent to all counties and direct contract providers to identify the current status, planning efforts, and needs for complete transition to ICD-10 on October 1, 2015.

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

Questions regarding the content of this information notice or its enclosure that are related to Substance Use Disorders may be directed to Substance Use Disorders at: DMCSDMCII-HelpDesk@dhcs.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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