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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: 2018 INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, TENTH REVISION (ICD-10) INCLUDED CODE SETS AND SYSTEM EDIT 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)

BACKGROUND:

Effective October 1, 2017, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published the updated ICD-10 diagnosis codes for federal claiming. This Information Notice provides an updated list of included diagnosis codes for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) claims to the Short Doyle Medi-Cal II (SDMC II) claim adjudication system. The additional codes are available for all claims with service dates starting October 1, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

This updated code set includes a remission code for each substance use disorder classified as “abuse”. Previously, the ICD-10 diagnosis codes did not include this classification of remission codes.

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In the DMC-ODS Recovery Services claiming, the lack of “abuse in remission” codes was problematic. [MHSUDS Information Notice 17-034](#) identified “Z87898” as the available remission code for SUD abuse diagnoses due to the absence of an appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code in the published list. With the October 1, 2017, publication of an updated list which, includes available “abuse in remission” diagnosis codes, DMC-ODS counties can begin using them in Recovery Services for medical necessity determination. Both DMC and DMC-ODS counties and providers are allowed to use the included ICD-10 diagnosis codes for claiming services to SDMC II (see Enclosure).

Revisions to ICD-10 Included Lists

The following are revisions to the previously released Substance Use Disorders ICD-10 diagnosis codes list attached to [MHSUDS Information Notice 16-030](#):

- F1011 Alcohol abuse, in remission
- F1111 Opioid abuse, in remission
- F1211 Cannabis abuse, in remission
- F1311 Sedative, hypnotic, or anxiolytic abuse, in remission
- F1411 Cocaine abuse, in remission
- F1511 Other stimulant abuse, in remission
- F1611 Hallucinogen abuse, in remission
- F1811 Inhalant abuse, in remission
- F1911 Other psychoactive substance abuse, in remission

Trading partners can replace DMC claims denied for the ICD-10 codes identified above, once the table has been updated in the SDMC II system. We will inform trading partners of the change through the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California Information Technology Executive Committee. Additionally, trading partners may request a delay reason code for original claims not previously submitted that contain these ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

Questions regarding the updates to the substance use disorders codes list can be directed to your assigned Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch Program Analyst.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure