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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
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SUBJECT: International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Remission Codes for the Drug Medi-Cal
Organized Delivery System (DMC ODS)

PURPOSE: To provide a valid ICD-10 diagnosis code for remission to enable claiming for recovery services.

DISCUSSION

When a DMC ODS beneficiary accesses recovery services, they will need to have a Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) diagnosis and the claim will need to use an ICD-10 code. A beneficiary receiving recovery services will be in a state of “remission” due to the chronic nature of substance use disorders. Currently, the ICD-10 only includes a remission code for prior diagnoses of “dependence” disorders.

Beneficiaries who did not have an ICD-10 dependence diagnosis recorded in their medical history will still need a SUD remission diagnosis for billing Short Doyle Medi-Cal. The available ICD-10 remission codes are not sufficient to record these beneficiaries’ remission diagnosis. The ICD-10 code – Z87898 describes a “personal history of other specified conditions” and this code will satisfy the requirement for a remission diagnosis for the beneficiaries that did not have a dependence diagnosis in the past. Providers will need to use this Z code for any beneficiary with a prior ICD-10 diagnosis for substance abuse for claiming recovery services.

The following table displays the current and proposed ICD-10 remission codes for recovery services on the DMC ODS claims:

ICD-10 Code	ICD-10 Code Descriptions
F1021	Alcohol dependence, in remission
F1121	Opioid dependence, in remission
F1221	Cannabis dependence, in remission
F1321	Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic dependence, in remission
F1421	Cocaine dependence, in remission
F1521	Other stimulant dependence, in remission
F1621	Hallucinogen dependence, in remission
F1821	Inhalant dependence, in remission
F1921	Other psychoactive substance dependence, in remission
Z87898	Personal history of other specified conditions

The effective date for using the Z87898 ICD-10 code will be July 1, 2017.

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Sincerely,

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