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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services  
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies  
California Opioid Maintenance Providers  
California State Association of Counties  
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations  
County Behavioral Health Directors  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California  
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: 2020 International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)  
Included Code Sets Effective October 1, 2019, remaining in effect until  
new guidance is issued

PURPOSE: This Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health  
Information Notice (BHIN) is to inform Mental Health Plans (MHPs) of  
the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' annual update to the  
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)  
diagnosis codes effective October 1, 2019, which is applicable to  
inpatient and outpatient specialty mental health services (SMHS).  
**These updates include, but are not limited to, the addition of a  
code that may be used during the assessment period prior to  
diagnosis, coverage of several mental health diagnoses caused or  
influenced by substance use, and coverage of autism spectrum  
disorder.** This BHIN is effective for dates of service on and after  
October 1, 2019, until new guidance is issued.

REFERENCE: Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Section 162.1002  
(effective January 16, 2009)

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**BACKGROUND:**

MHPs are required to use appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code(s) to submit claims for SMHS to receive reimbursement of Federal Financial Participation in accordance with the covered diagnoses for reimbursement of outpatient and inpatient Medi-Cal SMHS provided in this BHIN. This information is updated annually.

**POLICY:**

Enclosure 1 lists the ICD-10 diagnosis codes covered for inpatient SMHS effective October 1, 2019. The table below indicates changes made to Enclosure 1 of this BHIN in comparison to previous guidance issued in [Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice \(MHSUDS IN\) 18-053](#).

**CHANGES TO INCLUDED DIAGNOSES FOR INPATIENT  
SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

ICD-10 Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description	Change
F10.159	Alcohol abuse with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	These 30 diagnoses codes are <b>Added</b> to covered diagnosis list for Inpatient Services.
F10.259	Alcohol dependence with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F10.959	Alcohol use, unspecified with alcohol-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F10.980	Alcohol use, unspecified with alcohol-induced anxiety disorder	
F11.159	Opioid abuse with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F11.259	Opioid dependence with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F11.959	Opioid use, unspecified with opioid-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F12.159	Cannabis abuse with psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F12.259	Cannabis dependence with psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F12.959	Cannabis use, unspecified with psychotic disorder, unspecified	

<b>ICD-10 Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>Diagnosis Description</b>	<b>Change</b>
F13.159	Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic abuse with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F13.259	Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic dependence with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F13.959	Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic use, unspecified with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F14.159	Cocaine abuse with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F14.259	Cocaine dependence with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F14.959	Cocaine use, unspecified with cocaine-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F15.159	Other stimulant abuse with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F15.259	Other stimulant dependence with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F15.959	Other stimulant use, unspecified with stimulant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F16.159	Hallucinogen abuse with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F16.259	Hallucinogen dependence with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F16.959	Hallucinogen use, unspecified with hallucinogen-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F18.159	Inhalant abuse with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F18.259	Inhalant dependence with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F18.959	Inhalant use, unspecified with inhalant-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F19.159	Other psychoactive substance abuse with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	

ICD-10 Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description	Change
F19.259	Other psychoactive substance dependence with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
F19.959	Other psychoactive substance use, unspecified with psychoactive substance-induced psychotic disorder, unspecified	
G21.0	Malignant neuroleptic syndrome	
G21.11	Neuroleptic induced parkinsonism	
F84.0	Autistic Disorder	<p>This diagnosis description is <b>CHANGED</b> from “Autistic Disorder” to “Autistic Disorder (Autism Spectrum Disorder).”</p> <p>Diagnostic criteria for use of this code are located in the DSM-5.</p>
R69	Diagnosis Deferred (Illness, unspecified)	<p>This diagnosis code is <b>DELETED</b> from the covered diagnosis list.</p> <p>Diagnosis Deferred is no longer supported by and was removed from DSM-5.</p>
Z03.89	No diagnosis	<p>This diagnosis description is <b>CHANGED</b> from “No Diagnosis” to “Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out.”</p> <p>Examples for use of Z03.89 ICD-10 diagnosis code may include: when providing crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, or during the assessment phase of a beneficiary’s treatment when a diagnosis has yet to be</p>

<b>ICD-10 Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>Diagnosis Description</b>	<b>Change</b>
		established.  This description has been detailed in order to meet the requirements for a "billable code," effective on October 1, 2019, with the 2020 edition of ICD-10-CM.

Enclosure 2 lists the ICD-10 diagnosis codes covered for outpatient SMHS effective October 1, 2019. The table below indicates changes made to Enclosure 2 of this BHIN in comparison to previous guidance issued in MHSUDS IN 18-053.

**CHANGES TO INCLUDED DIAGNOSES FOR OUTPATIENT  
SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>ICD-10 Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>Diagnosis Description</b>	<b>Change</b>
F32.81	Premenstrual dysphoric disorder	These diagnoses codes are <b>ADDED</b> to Outpatient Services.
F84.0	Autistic disorder (Autism spectrum disorder)	Diagnostic criteria for use of these codes are located in the DSM-5.
G21.0	Neuroleptic malignant syndrome	This diagnosis description is <b>CORRECTED</b> to “Malignant neuroleptic syndrome.”
R69	Diagnosis deferred (Illness, unspecified)	This diagnosis code is <b>DELETED</b> from the covered diagnosis list.  Diagnosis Deferred is no longer supported by and was removed from DSM-5.
Z03.89	No diagnosis	This diagnosis description is <b>CHANGED</b> from “No Diagnosis” to “Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out.”  Examples for use of Z03.89 ICD-10 diagnosis code may include: when providing crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, or during the assessment phase of a beneficiary’s treatment when a diagnosis has yet to be established.  This description has been detailed in order to meet the requirements for a “billable code,” effective on October 1, 2019, with the 2020 edition of ICD-10-CM.

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All changes remain in effect until new guidance is issued. Questions regarding this BHIN may be directed to the County Monitoring Section at [CountySupport@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:CountySupport@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures