



County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health

INFORMATION NOTICE 13-15

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To Department of Behavioral Health Staff
Department of Behavioral Health Contract Agencies

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Subject Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V) fifth edition

Introduction The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released Information Notice 13-22, which is preliminary information regarding issuance of the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM V) by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). This Information Notice is to update Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and DBH Contract Agency employees of the status of DHCS's analysis of the impact of the new DSM V and any implications for the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) waiver or Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) programs.

Definitions

- DHCS** - Department of Health Care Services
- DSM V** - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fifth edition
- APA** - American Psychiatric Association
- DMC** - Drug Medi-Cal
- SMHS** - Specialty Mental Health Services
- MPH** - Mental Health Plan
- CMS** - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Background Beginning March 2013, DHCS has hosted several meetings on DSM V collaborating with contract agencies, advocacy groups, and stakeholders, State and National Directors and Administrators regarding what impact DSM V may have on claiming for Medi-Cal SMHS and DMC services.

Impact to Services According to DHCS, there are no current changes in claiming requirements for Medi-Cal SMHS and DMC services. Until DHCS issues future guidance, DBH and its Contract Agencies shall continue their current practices with regard to providing and documenting SMHS and DMC services.

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Under CMS guidelines, the DSM V is not a federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) adopted code set and may not be used in HIPAA standard transactions. All SMHS and DMC claims submitted to DHCS shall include a valid International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9) diagnosis code, which should be based on the currently assigned DSM IV criteria, supported by information in the client's chart.

References

DHCS Information Notice 13-22:
[Preliminary Information Concerning Issuance of the Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders by the American Psychiatric Association](#)
Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205 and 1830.210
Title 22, California Code of Regulations Sections 51341.1(b)(10) and (b)(21)
Drug Medi-Cal Program Certification Standards for Substance Abuse Clinics (7/2004) Section III.J.1

Questions

Questions regarding this Information Notice may be directed to the Department of Behavioral Health, Office of Compliance at (909) 382-3083.
