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**Submitted Diagnoses on Authorization Requests**

As you are aware, Community Care began making system changes to support the October 1, 2015 ICD-10 implementation. The first step to ensure a smooth transition was to change the behavioral health diagnostic collection requirements. On July 11, 2015, Community Care updated online forms and Request Center to remove the multi-axial diagnostic information requirements and require the submission of the ICD-9 code series through September 30, 2015.

Provider inquiries began soon after implementing these system changes. Those inquiries are mostly related to the ICD-9 codes correlated with the DSM-IV previously available in Request Center. Providers should already have DSM-IV to ICD-9 crosswalks in place given previous requirements to authorize using DSM-IV and submit claims using ICD-9 for approval and reimbursement of contracted services. It is important to clarify that our recent system modifications have not only changed the diagnosis requirements to ICD-9 but also displays the corresponding DSM 5 description.

At this time only the subset of ICD-9 codes associated with DSM 5 remain active as options for behavioral health diagnoses. Providers may certainly continue to use either DSM-IV or DSM 5 in their practices going forward. However, those providers using the DSM-IV will need to first cross walk the DSM-IV diagnosis to DSM 5, and then submit the ICD-9 code that corresponds with the DSM 5 diagnosis when requesting authorization for service.

Example 1:

1. Member DSM-IV diagnosis = Asperger’s Disorder (299.80)
2. DSM-IV to DSM 5 translation = no direct translation, recommended replacement is Autism Spectrum Disorder
3. ICD-9 code for Autism Spectrum Disorder = 299.00

Example 2:

1. Member DSM-IV diagnosis  = Mood Disorder NOS (296.90)
2. DSM-IV to DSM 5 translation = no direct translation, use either Unspecified Bipolar Disorder or Unspecified Depressive Disorder
3. ICD-9 code for:
   a. Other and Unspecified Bipolar Disorders = 296.8, or
   b. Unspecified Depressive Disorder = 311

Please note that diagnoses submitted when requesting authorizations for service have no bearing on reimbursement procedures.