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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

**Physicians, Mid-Levels, Schools, Targeted Case Management,
Therapeutic Foster Care, Therapeutic Group Home, Psychiatrists,
Public Health Clinics, Hospital Outpatient, Mental Health Center,
PRTF, Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers
and Licensed Professional Counselors**

Montana Medicaid DSM-5 Implementation

The Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) was released at the American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting in May 19, 2013.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published this response to the following question on the CMS website <https://questions.cms.gov/faq.php?id=5005&faqId=1817>:

Question:

In current practice by the mental health field, many clinicians use the DSM-IV in diagnosing mental disorders. As of May 19, 2013, the DSM-5 was released. Can these clinicians continue current practice and use the DSM-IV and DSM-5 diagnostic criteria?

Answer:

Yes. The Introductory material to the DSM-IV and DSM-5 code set indicates that the DSM-IV and DSM-5 are "compatible" with the ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes. The updated DSM-5 codes are crosswalked to both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM. As of October 1, 2014, the ICD-10-CM code set is the HIPAA adopted standard and required for reporting diagnosis for dates of service on and after October 1, 2014.

Neither the DSM-IV nor DSM-5 is a HIPAA adopted code set and may not be used in HIPAA standard transactions. It is expected that clinicians may continue to base their diagnostic decisions on the DSM-IV/DSM-5 criteria, and, if so, to crosswalk those decisions to the appropriate ICD-9-CM and, as of October 1, 2014, ICD-10 CM codes. In addition, it is still perfectly permissible for providers and others to use the DSM-IV and DSM-5 codes, descriptors and diagnostic criteria for other purposes, including medical records, quality assessment, medical review, consultation and patient communications.

Dates when the DSM-IV may no longer be used by mental health providers will be determined by the maintainer of the DSM-IV/DSM-5 code set, the American Psychiatric Association, <http://www.dsm5.org>.

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Montana Medicaid follows CMS regulations. State eligibility criteria for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) are currently consistent with DSM-IV and DSM-5 which are “compatible” with the ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes.

As of October 1, 2014, the ICD-10-CM code set is required. Eligibility criteria for SED and SDMI will be updated consistent with ICD-10-CM through the administrative rule process and will be implemented on or before October 1, 2014. The Department intends to consult with mental health provider types to update criteria.

Additional resources are available at The American Psychiatric Association:
<http://www.dsm5.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

Contact Information

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