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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

To: All DMC-ODS Providers   **Date:** 1/22/2020

From: Michael Blanchard, QM SUD Supervisor, SUD Quality Management

Re: DSM-5 diagnostic labels in SanWITS

Dear Providers in the DMC-ODS:

In preparation for SanWITS becoming an electronic health record, the County of San Diego is transitioning to the use of DSM-5 language in SanWITS to identify client diagnoses. This change will impact what is listed, and is available to select, on different screens in SanWITS. DSM-5 diagnostic labels will be required on the Diagnosis Determination Note (DDN) and on each claim entered in to SanWITS.

In order to minimize any impact this may have on claims being released for billing, SanWITS will continue to include non-DSM-5 descriptors until 6/30/2020. This will allow enough time for existing client diagnoses to be updated to DSM-5 language or current clients to complete their current episode of care through the normal course of treatment. The transition will take place in three (3) phases:

1. Beginning on 2/1/2020 SanWITS will include DSM-5 descriptors as part of the drop-down choices for the client diagnosis. There is no change in how to search for a diagnosis; however there will now be language at the end of the diagnosis indicating if it is an ICD-10 or DSM 5 diagnosis. DSM-5 diagnostic labels are required for all new diagnoses and new admissions entered in SanWITS on or after 2/1/2020.

2. SanWITS will continue to include the ICD descriptors in SanWITS which will give agencies and programs time to update the diagnosis of existing client records. During this transition period, there will be both IDC-10 and DSM-5 diagnoses in drop-down menus in SanWITS. This transition period will be in place through 6/30/2020.

3. On 7/1/2020, SanWITS will expire all diagnoses that do not include the DSM-5 descriptors. Once expired, if there are any unreleased encounters pointing to an expired ICD-10 diagnosis, the provider will need to enter a new DSM-5 diagnosis before they can be released to billing.

Note: F-Codes will not change, only the diagnosis descriptors will be changing to use DSM-5 language.

To assist providers in updating non-DSM-5 diagnoses, reports will be sent twice a month beginning in March 2020 identifying diagnoses that will need to be updated. Information on these reports will be provided before that date. In addition to using the DSM-5 Manual to determine diagnoses, providers may wish to reference the "Quick Guide – DSM5-ICD10 Diagnosis Guide" available on the Optum website under the Toolbox tab to help with selecting DSM 5 diagnosis descriptors.

If you have any questions regarding this new SanWITS functionality, contact the MIS support desk at *SUD_MIS_Support.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov*. For questions about client file documentation, please direct them to the QI Matters email: ***QIMatters.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov***