

**To:** Mental Health System of Care Providers

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**From:** Steve Jones, LCSW, QM Program Manager

**Re:** De-activation of Z-codes Z61.4 and Z61.5

This memo is to inform programs that two Z-codes have been de-activated from CCBH effective immediately. This action is being taken because the State's current billing system is rejecting all claims that contain these two codes.

Two diagnoses codes, Z61.4 and Z61.5 (problems related to alleged child sex abuse) are being rejected by the State when they are linked to claimed services. When these codes are included as active diagnosis on the Diagnosis Form, regardless if they are attached to the progress note via Diagnosis at Service (DAS), the entire claim is being rejected. Therefore, **as of 4/22/16 these two Z codes are deactivated.**

The psychosocial stressor information can be captured in other portions of the BHA. If your program chooses, the Z codes can be documented in the "Comments" box found at the top of the Diagnosis Form.

At this time there are only a limited number of programs using these diagnoses. The Quality Management Team will take the lead on the "clean-up" to end date the Z61.4 and Z61.5 on those applicable diagnosis forms and to release those services that may fall into suspense.

No action is required by programs at this time other than to inform staff that these two codes will no longer be available to enter as diagnoses.

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