



COMMISSIONER
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To: Home and Community-based Services Program Providers
Texas Home Living Program Providers
Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities

Subject: Information Letter 15-57
Changes to Submission Instructions for Form 8578 with Relation to the International Classification of Disease Transition in the Client Assignment and REgistration System

The purpose of this information letter (IL) is to provide information and updated guidance to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) program providers and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) about upcoming changes to the Intellectual Disability/Related Condition Assessment (ID/RC), Form 8578, in the Client Assignment and REgistration System (CARE).

Effective October 1, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will require healthcare providers and governmental entities to transition from the International Classification of Disease Version 9 (ICD-9) to Version 10 (ICD-10). The Department of Aging and Disability Services notified providers about the change in IL 15-42.

Due to changes in CARE required for accepting ICD-10 diagnostic codes, HCS program providers and LIDDAs must comply with the following:

- All ID/RCs for a PC3, "Continued Stay Assessment" or a Purpose Code (PC) 2, "No Current Assessment" with effective dates prior to October 1, 2015, must be submitted using ICD-9 diagnostic codes.
- All ID/RCs for a PC3, "Continued Stay Assessment" or a PC 2, "No Current Assessment" with effective dates on or after October 1, 2015, must be submitted using ICD-10 diagnostic codes.
- When submitting an ID/RC PC4 on or after October 1, 2015, a HCS program provider or LIDDA is not required to verify diagnostic information. Previously authorized diagnostic information, including ICD-9 codes are not editable on a PC4 submission with an effective date on or after October 1, 2015.
- All other CARE functionality for the submission of ID/RCs will remain unchanged.

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