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To: Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities

Subject: Information Letter No. 15-67  
Use of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, on Field 27 of the Intellectual Disability/Related Condition Assessment

The purpose of this information letter (IL) is to provide information and guidance on the use of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (DSM-5), when submitting International Classification of Diseases, Version 10 (ICD-10) diagnosis codes in Field 27 of the Intellectual Disability/Related Condition (ID/RC) Assessment (Form 8578) and the ID/RC-Community First Choice (ID/RC-CFC) Assessment (Form 8578-CFC).

Effective October 1, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will require healthcare providers and governmental entities to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10. The Department of Aging and Disability Service (DADS) notified program providers about this transition in IL 15-42 and IL 15-43.

As referenced in IL 15-42 and IL 15-43, all ID/RC and ID/RC-CFC Assessments with effective dates on or after October 1, 2015, must be submitted with ICD-10 codes only. ID/RC and ID/RC-CFC Assessments with multiple diagnoses must be submitted using diagnosis codes based on ICD-10.

Guidance released by CMS, in response to questions about clinical practice and use of the DSM-IV and DSM-5 diagnostic criteria (FAQ #1817) states:

*“ICD-9-CM codes should be used for reporting the diagnosis codes associated with services furnished up to, and including, September 30, 2015. As of October 1, 2015, the ICD-10-CM code set will become the HIPAA adopted standard and will be required for reporting diagnosis codes for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015. The DSM-5 contains the standard criteria and definitions of mental disorders now approved by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), and it also contains both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes (in parentheses) selected by APA. Since DSM-IV only contains ICD-9-CM codes, it will cease to be recognized for criteria or coding for services with dates of service of October 1, 2015 or later.”*

Diagnosis codes entered in field 27 (psychiatric code) on ID/RC and ID/RC-CFC Assessments must reflect the version of the DSM, as represented in Field 28, Version 5.

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