

Memorandum

To: All OASAS certified treatment providers
CC: OASAS Commissioner, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Counsel, Certification and Evaluation, Field Office
From: Steve Hanson, Associate Commissioner, Treatment and Practice Innovation
Date: 11/25/2013
Re: Implementation of DSM 5 and ICD 10 Billing Codes

As everyone should be aware, the American Psychiatric Association recently released the Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5). This edition contains significant changes from the prior edition (DSM-IV). In particular, there are major differences in the diagnosis of substance/alcohol problems. Instead of substance abuse or dependence diagnoses, the new edition calls for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) that are coded according to severity (mild-moderate-severe). There are also changes in the diagnostic criteria for SUD. Legal involvement was removed from the criteria and craving was added. Additionally, the “multi axis” diagnosis has been eliminated. All conditions are reported on one “axis”

Various OASAS regulations state:

“The individual is determined to have a substance use disorder based on the criteria in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases (ICD);”

OASAS is aware that converting to DSM 5 will require staff training, as well as documentation/electronic record changes. Therefore, OASAS will accept **either** DSM IV or DSM 5 diagnoses until January 1, 2015, at which point DSM 5 will be required.

OASAS will also be providing some training resources to help programs make the transition. OASAS will not be able to provide DSM 5 manuals to providers.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established 10/1/14 as the implementation date for the new ICD-10 billing codes. Information can be found at the following website:

www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/ICD10/