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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 15-42  
International Classification of Disease Transition, and Changes to the Department of  
Aging and Disability Services Form 8578 and Transition Submission Instructions

The purpose of this information letter (IL) is to provide information and guidance to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Texas Home Living (TxHmL) program providers and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) about the International Classification of Disease (ICD) transition from Version 9 (ICD-9) to Version 10 (ICD-10) and associated changes for submitting diagnostic codes on Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Form 8578, Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions Assessment (ID/RC).

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will require healthcare providers and governmental entities to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 effective October 1, 2015.

To ensure there is no lapse in the program eligibility of an individual in the HCS or TxHmL Program because of the transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10, a program provider and LIDDA must comply with the following:

- All ID/RCs with effective dates prior to October 1, 2015, must be submitted using ICD-9 diagnostic codes.
- All ID/RCs with effective dates of October 1, 2015, or later can only be submitted using ICD-10 diagnostic codes.
- ID/RC submissions with multiple diagnoses included on the form must be submitted into the Client Assignment and REgistration (CARE) system using diagnosis codes of the same version (i.e., ICD-9 or ICD-10), and in accordance with the ID/RC effective date information indicated above.

If an individual's current diagnosis has an ICD-9 code that does not convert directly to an ICD-10 code and the ID/RC has an effective date on or after October 1, 2015, the program provider or LIDDA must obtain documentation of the ICD-10 code from the physician who is attesting to the diagnosis. **It is not required that a physician sign the ID/RC.**

Intellectual disability codes all have a direct conversion code as follows:

Diagnosis	ICD-9 code	ICD-10 code
Mild ID	317	F70
Moderate ID	318.0	F71
Severe ID	318.1	F72
Profound ID	318.2	F73
Unspecified ID	319	F79

Most of the ICD-9 codes identified on the [Department of Aging and Disability Services \(DADS\)-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions list](#) convert to a single ICD-10 code. However, some of the ICD-9 codes on the list do not have a direct ICD-10 match. To assist a program provider and LIDDA to identify which diagnoses codes convert directly from ICD-9 to ICD-10, DADS has developed an “ICD Conversion Code Lookup for Related Conditions” for the DADS-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions. You can find the conversion code lookup, along with instructions for use, at the DADS ICD-10 webpage, <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/icd10>.

Attached to this IL is a sample letter that a program provider and LIDDA may give a physician to explain the effect of the ICD-10 transition on an individual’s eligibility in the HCS and TxHmL programs.

Included in the letter is the following link to assist in determining the corresponding ICD-10 code for an ICD-9 code: <http://www.icd10data.com/ICD10CM/Codes>. This link may be useful for all diagnoses, including those which are not part of the related condition list, and will not be contained in the conversion look-up on the DADS website.

A program provider and LIDDA who does not complete a renewal ID/RC in accordance with this IL may delay renewal of an individual’s ID/RC, and therefore, could jeopardize an individual’s eligibility for the HCS or TxHmL programs.

The Health and Human Services Commission and DADS will publish additional information related to this ICD-10 transition if more changes are identified.

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Questions about this IL may be emailed to [Icd10@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:Icd10@dads.state.tx.us). Please use “Information Letter No. 15-42” in the subject line.

Sincerely,

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Attachment  
Sample Letter to Physician



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June XX, 2015

Dear Physician,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that, due to the International Classification of Diseases, Version 10 (ICD-10) transition required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective October 1, 2015, all Medicaid billing claims are required to contain ICD-10 codes. To comply with the CMS requirement to use ICD-10 codes, the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is requiring its contracted providers to use ICD-10 codes for all diagnostic reassessments having an effective date on or after October 1, 2015 for individuals who receive a DADS Medicaid long term care or community care program service. A provider contracting with DADS to provide Medicaid services to such an individual must reassess the individual's eligibility annually. One or more of these individuals whose diagnostic reassessment will change is a patient of yours.

To help contracted providers meet this requirement and to maintain program eligibility for your patient, please provide the patient's ICD-10 diagnosis codes to the contracted provider for use on the Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions (ID/RC) Assessment form. DADS requires contracted providers to obtain documentation from a physician who is attesting to the individual's ICD-10 diagnosis codes. The following link may be helpful to you in determining the corresponding ICD-10 code for an ICD-9 code: <http://www.icd10data.com/ICD10CM/Codes>.

Thank you for assistance in this regard. If you have any questions, please contact [ICD10@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:ICD10@dads.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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