



Date: February 6, 2018

To: Community Living Assistance and Supports Services Providers
Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities Service Providers
Home and Community-based Services Program Providers
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions Providers
Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities
Texas Home Living Program Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 18-04 — Changes to HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List (Replaces IL 17-09)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services implemented an annual update to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) code set as of October 1, 2017, which includes new and revised ICD-10 diagnostic codes.

As a result of the updates, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has revised the HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List to remove diagnosis codes that are no longer valid and include, where applicable, corresponding new ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

List of Invalid ICD-10 Related Conditions Codes

The following ICD-10 diagnoses codes are no longer valid and were deleted from the HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List:

H54.0	Blindness, both eyes
H54.11	Blindness, right eye, low vision left eye
H54.12	Blindness, left eye, low vision right eye
H54.2	Low vision, both eyes
H54.41	Blindness, right eye, normal vision left eye
H54.42	Blindness, left eye, normal vision right eye
H54.51	Low vision, right eye, normal vision left eye
H54.52	Low vision, left eye, normal vision right eye

Each of the invalid codes was replaced with multiple, more specific ICD-10 codes which have been added to the list. For this reason, there is no crosswalk.

Instructions

All Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions Assessments (ID/RCs) and claims must be submitted using an individual's valid ICD-10 diagnostic code. To ensure there is no lapse in the program eligibility of an individual who you provide services to or denial of claims, program providers and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) must comply with the following:

- All ID/RCs with effective dates prior to October 1, 2017, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2017 code set.
- All ID/RCs with effective dates on or after October 1, 2017, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2018 code set.
- All claims for service with effective dates prior to October 1, 2017, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2017 code set.
- All claims for service with effective dates on or after October 1, 2017, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2018 code set.

If an individual's current diagnosis is no longer valid, the program provider or LIDDA must obtain an ICD-10 code from a physician who is attesting to the diagnosis. HHSC encourages program providers and LIDDAs to be active in obtaining an individual's ICD-10 diagnosis codes in order to avoid denial of claims or ID/RC submission.

Attached to this IL is a sample letter that a program provider or LIDDA may give a physician to explain HHSC's eligibility requirements regarding the inclusion of an individual's valid ICD-10 code on an ID/RC in order to receive long term supports and services.

A program provider or LIDDA can refer to the HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List for a complete list of valid ICD-10 related conditions codes.

Questions about this IL may be emailed to Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us. In the subject line please use "Information Letter No. 18-04".

Sincerely,

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Tamela Griffin
Acting Deputy Associate Commissioner, Policy and Program
Medicaid and CHIP Services Department

Attachment:

- Attachment A - Letter to Physicians



(Date)

Dear Physician:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) requires its Medicaid contractors that provide intellectual disability waiver services to ensure valid ICD-10 codes are used on all diagnostic reassessments to establish ongoing eligibility of individuals receiving Medicaid services. As a result of updates in the ICD-10 2018 code set, you have at least one patient receiving services who no longer has a valid ICD-10 code establishing eligibility for waiver services funded by HHSC. If the individual's reassessment was completed on or after October 1, 2017, HHSC requires diagnostic assessments be submitted using the ICD-10 2018 code set.

To facilitate this transition, please provide the HHSC contracted service provider documentation of the patient's updated valid ICD-10 diagnosis codes for inclusion on the patient's Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions (ID/RC) Assessment form.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Valente by phone at 512-438-4287 or by email at Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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Resource:
ICD-10 HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related
Conditions List