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To: Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)

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Subject: Utilization of Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (DC:0-5) Manual

This communication informs LME-MCOs and of a change to the following NC Medicaid behavioral health clinical coverage policies (CCPs) and Division of MH/DD/SAS state-funded service definitions:

NC Medicaid CCPs:

- 8A. Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- 8B. Inpatient Behavioral Health Services
- 8C. Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Provided by Direct-Enrolled Providers
- 8D-1. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Children Under the Age of 21
- 8D-2 Residential Treatment Services
- 8E. Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- 8F. Research-Based Behavioral Health Treatment (RB-BHT) for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- 8I. Psychological Services in Health Departments and School-Based Health Centers Sponsored by Health Departments to the under-21
- 8J. Children's Developmental Service Agencies (CDSAs)
- 8L. Mental Health/Substance Abuse Targeted Case Management
- 8O. Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health or Substance Abuse Co-Occurring
- 8P. North Carolina Innovations

Division of MH/DD/SAS State-Funded Service Definitions:

- 2019 State-Funded Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- State-Funded Facility-Based Crisis-Child
- State-Funded DMH/DD/SAS Service Definitions 2003-2019
- State-Funded Inpatient Behavioral Health

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- State-Funded Developmental Therapy Services

On December 16, 2019, the NC Medicaid behavioral health CCPs and Division of MH/DD/SAS state-funded service definitions will be posted with the following language under Attachment A:

Note: "Providers using the Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (DC:0–5) manual shall submit claims using the ICD-10 diagnosis code that corresponds to the chosen DC:0-5 diagnosis."

This is a technical change with no fiscal or training requirement impact. The DC:0-5 manual provides a crosswalk from DC:0-5 to DSM-5 and ICD-10. Thus, this technical change supports early childhood mental health providers who choose to utilize the DC:0-5 manual to diagnosis to the highest level of specificity.

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NC Medicaid behavioral health CCPs can be accessed at: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/clinical-coverage-policies/behavioral-health-clinical-coverage-policies>

State-funded service definitions can be accessed at:  
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mhddsas/servicedefinitions>

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