TO: DBHDD Community Behavioral Health Providers

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RE: ASO Implementation Clarification: ICD-10

As noted in the memo [1] distributed on Friday, September 25, 2015, the go-live for the Georgia Collaborative ASO has been delayed until December 2015. During October and November 2015, APS Healthcare will continue to provide authorizations for services and accept encounters for state-funded services. The collection of ICD-10 diagnoses will be implemented in coordination with the launch of the Georgia Collaborative ASO's Connects system in December. Clarification regarding this transition process is outlined herein.

During the period that APS continues to provide authorization and encounter processing, DBHDD has determined that the diagnosis code fields will <u>not</u> be used for: 1) determination of eligibility or authorization of services via the MICP process or 2) determination for reimbursement via the encounter process.   However, in order to successfully process the batch and web-based authorizations and encounters, the diagnosis field will need to be completed in line with programmed requirements (e.g. field length or accepted values) as outlined below.

Authorization Processes (MICP)
Though the diagnosis will not be used for eligibility or authorization determinations, DBHDD will continue to collect the DSM diagnosis. Providers should continue to input the DSM diagnosis in the appropriate fields for both the online (Care Connection) and batch submissions. In addition to behavioral health diagnoses on axes I and II, MICP authorizations require an axis III medical diagnosis. Providers may enter the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code or the diagnosis code Z03.89 to indicate "no diagnosis" during the transition period.

Encounter submission via Care Connection (APS online system)
Encounters submitted online for state-funded services do not require a diagnosis code and are unaffected.

Encounter submission via batch file processing
The encounter file layout includes fields for diagnosis codes. Traditionally, DSM/ICD-9 codes have been collected in these fields. DBHDD will not use this field for the purposes of determining reimbursement until the implementation of the Georgia Collaborative ASO; diagnosis data from the encounter files will be disregarded. While all scenarios have not been tested, it is anticipated that this field can accept a DSM or an ICD-10 code, or providers may leave the field blank.

Claims for Medicaid-funded services
Claims for Medicaid-funded services with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015 submitted to GAMMIS (HP) must include the ICD-10 diagnosis code.

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[1] http://dbhdd.georgia.gov/update-regarding-georgia-collaborative-aso