

- MEMORANDUM -

DATE: November 5, 2020
TO: All ACBH Mental Health Providers (County Clinics and Community Based Organizations)
FROM: ACBH Quality Assurance Office
SUBJECT: **Action Needed from Providers—Conversion of R69 diagnosis code to Z03.89**

On August 17, 2020, ACBH issued a Memo: [Updated Specialty Mental Health Services \(SMHS\) Medi-Cal Included Diagnoses Lists](#).

This Memo indicated that effective September 14, 2020 the DSM-5 Code *R69-Diagnosis Deferred* would be retired from both Clinician's Gateway (CG) electronic health record (EHR) and the InSyst claiming database. As well, the memo indicated that if DSM-5 criteria are met, the clinician may utilize Z03.89 instead of R69.

DHCS informed ACBH that based on the July 8, 2020 [Behavioral Health IN 20-043](#), the DSM-5/ICD-10 primary diagnosis code R69 can no longer be utilized for claiming purposes. With this additional guidance from DHCS, clients who have the primary diagnosis R69 in the InSyst database (for dates of service on or after July 8, 2020) will be administratively changed by ACBH to Z03.89.

An InSyst report entitled "*PROGRAM_CASELOAD_OPSP69*" will be sent to the InSyst printer queues to the RU#s affected by this change.

Providers will need to have an LPHA (who may diagnose) confirm that this diagnosis is accurate (or assign a different diagnosis) and then update this in the client's medical record. In CG (or the provider's EHR or paper chart) this can be accomplished by an Assessment Update and a corresponding Progress Note. InSyst will not need to be changed unless the assessment clinician is changing the diagnosis to a code different than Z03.89.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, your clinic or program's Quality Coordinator may contact QATA@ACgov.org for technical assistance.

Providers may also bring their questions to the ACBH QA Offices regularly scheduled "ACBH QA Brown Bag Question and Answer for MH Providers" weekly call-in sessions. See: <http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/Training.htm>.

