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DATE: December 30, 2022
TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Specialty Mental Health Service (SMHS) Providers
FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator *Torfeh Rejali*
SUBJECT: **Addition of Z55-Z65 Codes In InSYST**

This memorandum is to announce that effective immediately, Z55-Z65 diagnosis codes are active and available in the mental health system environment in InSYST.

Overview

With the publication of [BHIN 22-013](#), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) allowed the use of the following options during the assessment phase of a beneficiary's treatment when a diagnosis had not yet been established:

- ICD-10 codes Z55-Z65, "Persons with potential health hazards related to socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances" may be used by all providers as appropriate during the assessment period prior to diagnosis and do not require certification as, or supervision of, a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) or Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP).
- ICD-10 code Z03.89, "Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out", may be used by an LPHA or LMHP.
- In cases where services are provided due to a suspected disorder that has not yet been diagnosed, options are available for an LPHA or LMHP in the CMS approved ICD-10 diagnosis code list1, which may include Z codes. LPHA and LMHP may use any clinically appropriate ICD-10 code 2. For example, these include codes for "Other specified" and "Unspecified" disorders,

Due to the State's Client Service Information (CSI) reporting requirements, Z55-Z65 codes could not be added to the mental health system environment in InSYST at the time BHIN 22-013 was released. However, the reporting issues were recently rectified and ACBH was able to make the updates to InSYST.

Effective immediately Z55-Z65 diagnosis codes are available in InSYST and can be used by SMHS providers per above guidance from the State.

Action Steps

Please communicate this change to your teams.

Support





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We encourage you to join us for our Mental Health Brown Bag meetings on the **2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 12-1 p.m.** and welcome your questions and opportunities for clarification of this and other changes and processes. **The next Brown Bag meeting is scheduled for Friday January 13, 2023.** If you do not already have this meeting on your calendar, you can access the call in information on the [Quality Assurance Training](#) page of the ACBH Provider website.

For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.