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Memorandum

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To: Community Partners and Programs

From: Pamela A. Martin, Ph.D., ABPP
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Subject: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)

The American Psychiatric Association published an updated version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) in May 2013. It is not yet determined when the revisions of criteria in DSM-5 will be implemented in health records and billing.

AMH established a project team with clinical and administrative components to develop appropriate strategies for the implementation of DSM-5. The group is currently establishing a plan and timeline for implementing milestones that will be necessary to transition from DSM IV to DSM-5. We intend to make changes in rules, policies and procedures to reflect the changes in DSM-5 and to align this work with the timeframe for implementing the ICD-10 code set during the fall of 2014. Our implementation schedule will focus on coordination of clinical, administrative, legal, and forensic issues.

We believe that the following factors support this decision:

1. There is no nationally mandated implementation schedule for transitioning from DSM IV-TR to DSM-5.
2. Extensive training about these changes for behavioral health providers and consumers will be needed.
3. There will need to be coordination between clinical and legal systems related to diagnostic codes and terminology.

4. The Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) is scheduled to implement the new ICD-10 code set in October of 2014.

We will provide further information and opportunities for input as this process moves forward. If you have questions about this effort, please contact Karen Wheeler, Administrator, at 503-945-6191, or karen.wheeler@state.or.us.

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