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To: All SUD and MH Direct Service Providers

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RE: Guidance for Service Note Billing Diagnosis in SmartCare

CalAIM allows medically necessary services to be billed before establishing an official diagnosis, but this does not eliminate the requirement that each service submitted for claiming must contain an approved ICD-10 code. There are approved ICD-10 billing code options available for providers to use when providing services prior to establishing an official diagnosis. Please review the following instructions on how to add a billing code to a service note in SmartCare:

[How to Add an ICD-10 Code to a Service Before the Clinician Completes the Assessment and Diagnosis - 2023 CalMHSA](#).

Direct service providers may only use diagnostic codes that are within scope of practice. Please reference the appendices of CalAIM documentation guides based on your user role for a list of Z-Codes for Social Determinants of Health (SDOH):

[CalAIM Documentation Guides - California Mental Health Services Authority (calmhsa.org)](#)

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