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RE: **DHSS/BH ICD-10 Conversion - Guidance Document 3: Transition to reliance upon "Client Type"** data field reporting in AKAIMS

Dear Behavioral Health Services Provider:

In July, 2012 the Division introduced a new data field within AKAIMS entitled "**Client Type**" that was added as a new requirement for the Minimal Data Set. The addition of the **Client Type** field was the result of regulation changes affecting behavioral health services providers, and Federal reporting requirements for the Division. However, up to this date the Division has continued to rely upon an algorithm methodology within AKAIMS to determine client type and to report agency client count.

This letter is to inform you that the Division will begin exclusively utilizing the selections entered into the **Client Type** data field to obtain agency client count. Providers will have up the end of the second quarter of FY16 to correctly identify the appropriate client type for all clinical records. To assist providers with this task the Division will install a report within AKAIMS available to all providers that will identify the agency's clinical records that require a change in client type designation. The report will utilize the existing algorithm to correctly identify client type and compare it to the designation currently selected within the **Client Type** data field for each clinical record.

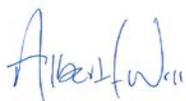
Analysis by the Division has determined that there is a remarkably accurate 98% match between what providers currently designate within the **Client Type** data field and the result of applying the existing algorithm to identify client type. The Division is confident that most all providers will require very few if any modifications to existing clinical records. The fact that providers accurately report client type within the **Client Type** data field indicates that the Division and providers can clearly rely upon this data to responsibly report agency client count. The data reported in this field may have an impact on future funding decisions.

Below is a list of the different **Client Type** data field designations and their descriptors. Providers are referred to 7 AAC 135.020 regarding recipient eligibility for Medicaid behavioral health services.

Client Type Designations	Designation Descriptors
Adult Non-SMI no COD	<i>Emotionally Disturbed Adult with NO Substance Use Disorder</i>
Adult Non-SMI with COD	<i>Emotionally Disturbed Adult <u>with</u> a Substance Use Disorder</i>
Adult SMI no COD	<i>Adult meeting criteria of Severely Mentally Ill with NO Substance Use Disorder</i>
Adult SMI with COD	<i>Adult meeting criteria of Severely Mentally Ill <u>with</u> a Substance Use Disorder</i>
Youth Non-SED no COD	<i>Emotionally Disturbed Youth with NO Substance Use Disorder</i>
Youth Non-SED with COD	<i>Emotionally Disturbed Youth <u>with</u> a Substance Use Disorder</i>
Youth SED no COD	<i>Youth meeting criteria of Significantly Emotionally Disturbed with NO Substance Use Disorder</i>
Youth SED with COD	<i>Youth meeting criteria of Significantly Emotionally Disturbed <u>with</u> a Substance Use Disorder</i>
Youth/Adult SUD no COD	<i>Youth or Adult <u>with</u> a Substance Use Disorder ONLY / NO other Mental Health Diagnosis</i>

If providers have questions about using the **Client Type** data field, or about the use of the **Client Type** data field to generate agency client count, please contact either Michael Walker or Shaun Wilhelm; (michael.walker@alaska.gov ; 269-8039) / (shaun.wilhelm@alaska.gov ; 269-3408).

Sincerely,



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