Avatar Bulletin

NEW DSM 5 Diagnosis Screen

February 24, 2015

Background

Federal regulations require that all diagnoses be submitted in a new format. The Federal deadline is October 1, 2015. CBHS wants to ensure that providers have sufficient lead time to update all diagnoses for clients with active episodes. As such, on March 1, 2015 the new Diagnosis Screen will be available within Avatar. The new screen replaces the current version that accepts DSM IV diagnoses.

Who will be able to enter a Diagnosis?

A. The following staff will be able to enter diagnoses

1. MH Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA):
   MD, LCSW, LMFT, NP, PA, Clinical Nurse Specialist, LPCC, Licensed PhD/PsyD

2. MH Staff Registered with Licensing Boards:
   ASW, MFTi, PCCI, Waivered PhD/PsyD

3. SA Staff Certified or Registered with one of the ADP approved certifying organizations

B. The following staff will no longer be able to enter diagnosis

1. Student/Trainee:
   MA, MSW, PCC, Psychology Student or Psychology Trainee

2. Other staff:
   RN, LVN, Psych Tech, Pharmacist, MHRS, BA, AA, High School Graduate, GED

3. SA Staff who not Certified or Registered with one of the ADP approved certifying organizations
Overview of changes

1. **Axes:** The 5 axes have been replaced by a table

2. **Increased functionality:**
   a. You can pull previously entered diagnoses forward into the new diagnosis screen.
   b. Avatar will automatically crosswalk the description into DSM IV, DSM 5, ICD 9, and ICD 10 formats.
   c. Avatar will automatically send the correct diagnosis format to the state

3. **Type of Diagnosis:**
   a. Admission (all episodes must have an Admission Diagnosis)
   b. Discharge
   c. Onset (it is optional if you would like to record the onset of a diagnosis)
   d. Update (used to update diagnoses for example upon annual re-assessment)

4. **Diagnosis Search**
   a. There is a robust search function that allows you to search by partial description as well as DSM IV, DSM 5, ICD 9, and ICD 10 codes.
   b. After entering description or code, click the icon of a magnifying glass to search

5. **Code Crossmapping**
   a. The related DSM IV, DSM 5, ICD 9, and ICD 10 codes will automatically appear in the Code Crossmapping box
6. **Status**
   a. Active
   b. Working (this can be used during the assessment period)
   c. Rule-out
   d. Resolved (it is optional to record when a diagnosis/problem/issue has been resolved, you will be asked to enter a resolution date)
   e. Void (used to remove a problem/diagnosis)

7. **Onset Date**: OPTIONAL to be used if you would like to record the date of onset

8. **Resolved Date**: Only become active if the status is marked as “resolved”

9. **Ranking**
   a. Primary
   b. Secondary
   c. Tertiary

10. **Bill Order** (Enter #1 for the Primary diagnosis)

11. **Present on Admission Indicator**: OPTIONAL to record if the diagnosis was present at the time of admission

12. **Classification**
   a. Mental Health
   b. Substance Use
   c. Medical

13. **Diagnosing Practitioner**: Should default to the person entering the diagnosis

14. **Remarks**: OPTIONAL
Expectations

- Begin using the new diagnosis screen for all new clients starting on March 1st.
- Discharge inactive clients (clients with no services in the last 90 days).
- Update the diagnosis for each active client. For programs who must update assessments and plans of care on an annual basis, see the following recommended timeline for programs based on the annual anniversary dates.

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Resources

http://www.vimeo.com/avatarhelpdesk (link to training videos)

https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oservices/mentalHlth/BHIS/avatarUserDocs.asp (link to helpful Avatar support documents, below are the DSM 5 related documents that you will find)

DSM 5

- DSM 5 Avatar Presentation
- DSM 5 Recommended Schedule
- DSM IV to DSM 5 Crosswalk

Need Additional Support?

- If you need assistance with accessing the Avatar form or support documentation, please contact the Avatar Help Desk at 415-255-3788 or via e-mail at avatarhelp@sfdph.org
- If you have questions about CBHS policies, contact your System of Care Coordinator.