Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal

Policy Transmittal: 15-19

Applicable to:
- Long-term Care (LTC) Provider Service Network (PSN)
- Comprehensive Long-term Care (LTC) Plan
- Managed Medical Assistance Health Maintenance Organization
- Managed Medical Assistance Provider Service Network
- Managed Medical Assistance Specialty Plan
- Children’s Medical Services Network Plan

Re: Mandatory Implementation of ICD-10

The Department of Health and Human Services has mandated the implementation of ICD-10 on October 1, 2015. The managed care plan is responsible for ensuring its ability to transition from ICD-9 codes to the new ICD-10 codes upon Agency implementation and must modify its policies, procedures and operations to reflect the coding changes brought about by the transition to ICD-10. (Attachment II, Section VIII.C.10.a.1) The purpose of this policy transmittal is to direct managed care plans on the transition from ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 codes.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, managed care plans must process claims with valid ICD-10 codes. The ICD-9 codes may not be used if the date(s) of service or date of discharge is on or after October 1, 2015.

Due to the increased specificity of ICD-10 codes, there will not be any direct crosswalk from ICD-9 to ICD-10. Regardless of any ICD-9 codes listed in Florida Medicaid Coverage and Limitations Handbooks, managed care plans must accept and submit diagnosis codes with the degree of specificity and accuracy necessary to describe the medical condition and to comply with ICD-10 validity.

If you have any questions, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

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1 The contract citation for the CMSN Plan is Attachment I, Section VIII.C.10.