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Subject: International Classification of Disease Transition, and Changes to the Medical Necessity / Level of Care Assessment and Transition Submission Instructions.

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This policy clarification is directed at DADS nurses who complete the MN/LOC Assessment for medical necessity determination for individuals in the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP).

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance about the International Classification of Disease (ICD) transition from Version 9 (ICD-9) to Version 10 (ICD-10) and associated process changes for submitting diagnosis codes on the Medical Necessity / Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessment.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require healthcare providers and governmental entities to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10, effective October 1, 2015.

To ensure there is no lapse in individuals' program eligibility, changes to processes for submission of MN/LOCs are necessary during the transition period as outlined below:

- All MN/LOCs with submission dates prior to October 1, 2015, must be submitted using ICD-9 diagnostic codes only.
- All MN/LOCs with submission dates of October 1, 2015, or later must be submitted using ICD-10 diagnostic codes only.
- MN/LOC submissions with multiple diagnoses must be submitted using diagnosis codes of the same version (i.e., ICD-9 or ICD-10), and in accordance with the MN/LOC submission date information indicated above.

You can find additional information regarding the ICD-10 transition at the DADS-ICD-10 webpage: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/icd10>. The Health and Human Services Commission and DADS will be publishing additional information related to this ICD-10

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transition as necessary or when additional process change needs are identified. DADS also encourages regional nurses to stay abreast of information posted by CMS and the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, your regional director may contact, [lcd10@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:lcd10@dads.state.tx.us).