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SUD TIPS



CLAIMING SERVICES WITHOUT A DIAGNOSE

What, Why, Diagnosis, When, Notes?

- The Department of Health Care Services [DHCS] released BHIN 21-019 on May 14, 2021. Per the IN, DMC-ODS services are reimbursable for up to 30 days following the first visit, and up to 60 days if the provider documents that the beneficiary is experiencing homelessness and additional time is needed for the assessment.¹
- For billing purposes, ShareCare requires a diagnosis code for any DMC service to be claimed to DHCS. IN20-043 provides guidance regarding the ICD-10 codes that should be used during the assessment period prior to diagnosis.
- Effective immediately, DMC-ODS providers are required to use Z03.89 as the appropriate diagnosis code for reimbursement. IN20-043 changed the diagnosis description from “No Diagnosis” to “Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out.”²
- This diagnosis code should be used only under the conditions specified in BHIN 21-019.
- AODS Administration still expects that assessments be conducted as soon as possible, for all beneficiaries including those listed in the IN.



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¹ Behavioral Health Information Notice No:21-019, [BHIN-21-019](#)

² Behavioral Health Information Notice No:20-043, [BHIN-20-043](#)