



Memorandum

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TO: Eligible Providers of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Managed Care Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Scott Partika, Ohio Department of Medicaid

RE: Use of the Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood™ (DC:0–5™)

For Medicaid Fee for Service, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) recommends the use of DC:0–5™ for the diagnosis of children ages 0-5 and is announcing the release of an Ohio-specific diagnostic crosswalk to better support the delivery of medically necessary services to this age group.

DC:0–5™ is the only diagnostic system specifically designed for infants and toddlers and incorporates developmental expectations, caregiver–child relationships, trauma, and regulatory disorders that are common to early childhood in its framework. However, to ensure that typical developmental behaviors are not pathologized, the framework emphasizes the importance of the presence of distress or functional impairments.

Like other state Medicaid agencies, ODM adapted its crosswalk from the one developed by the national nonprofit ZERO TO THREE to match our state's billable ICD-10 code set to DC:0–5™ and DSM-5-TR diagnoses. While DC:0–5™ is a clinically appropriate tool for diagnosing mental health conditions in infants and young children, many behavioral health providers may use DSM-5 diagnoses within their own health records for clinical documentation and ICD-10 codes are still necessary for Medicaid billing and documentation under federal Medicaid guidelines.

ODM's crosswalk aligns a broad spectrum of diagnostic codes between these three different diagnostic classification systems. ODM is offering the crosswalk to clinicians who assess and treat very young children to promote widespread adoption of the DC:0–5™ and to support the continued delivery of high quality and developmentally appropriate care to these youth and their families.

Medicaid Fee for Service Billing Guidance for Early Childhood Mental Health Services

1. ODM is providing the enclosed crosswalk to assist clinicians treating young children using DC:0-5 diagnoses in aligning with DSM-5-TR diagnosis and ICD-10 diagnostic code as needed for clinical documentation and ODM billing/claims.
2. Clinicians should only utilize family psychotherapy procedure codes (90846 or 90847) when providing dyadic family services for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. **If the service is for the direct benefit of the child, the service should be billed to the child's insurance.**
3. ODM will allow certain R-codes (symptom codes) to be listed on claims during the assessment and initial treatment phases of mental health or dyadic therapy services for children ages 0-5. Unlike Z-codes, these R-codes are billable ICD-10 codes within the ICD-10 framework and can cover a wide range of symptoms when a DC:0-5™ diagnosis is not yet identified or determined to be developmentally appropriate.

The list of additional R-codes that will be accepted by Medicaid for children ages 0-5 during the assessment period include:

- o R45.0: nervousness
- o R45.1: restlessness and agitation
- o R45.2: unhappiness
- o R68.11*: excessive crying of baby
- o R68.12*: fussy baby
- o R45.4: irritability and anger
- o R45.6: violent behavior
- o R45.7: state of emotional shock and stress, unspecified

Note that these codes are not included in the crosswalk (except for R68.11 and R68.12) because they do not align with any DC:0-5™ diagnostic categories. ODM expects that allowing these additional R-codes during early assessment and treatment will help address clinician concerns about premature diagnosis of children ages 0-5.

Contact

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ODM DC:0-5 Crosswalk and Billing Guidance

Neurodevelopmental Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC:0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Autism Spectrum Disorder	10.1	Autism Spectrum Disorder	299.00	Childhood Autism	Autism Spectrum Disorder *ODM's ICD-10 reference is currently Autistic Disorder	F84.0
					Other pervasive development disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive Developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
Early Atypical Autism Spectrum Disorder	10.2	Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder	315.8	Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders	Autism Spectrum Disorder *ODM's ICD-10 reference is currently Autistic Disorder	F84.0
					Other pervasive development disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive Developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	10.3	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	314.01	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, predominantly hyperactive type	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, predominantly hyperactive type	F90.1
					Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, combined type	F90.2
					Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, other type	F90.8
					Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, unspecified type	F90.9
Overactivity Disorder of Toddlerhood	10.4	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, predominantly hyperactive-impulsive presentation	314.01	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, predominantly hyperactive type	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, predominantly hyperactive type	F90.1
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					Unsp behav/emotn disord w onst usly occur in chldhd and ado	F98.9
Global Developmental Delay	10.5	Global Developmental Delay	315.8	Other Disorders of Psychological Development, Global Developmental Delay	Other disorders of psychological development	F88
Developmental Language Disorder	10.6	Language Disorder	315.39	Other developmental disorders of speech and language	Developmental disorder of speech and language, unspecified	F80.9
					Other developmental disorders of speech and language	F80.89
Developmental Coordination Disorder	10.7	Developmental Coordination Disorder	315.4	Specific Developmental Disorder of Motor Function (Developmental Coordination Disorder)	Specific developmental disorder of motor function	F82
Other Neurodevelopmental disorder	10.8	Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder	315.8	Other Pervasive Developmental Disorder	Other pervasive development disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive Developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
					Other disorders of psychological development	F88
					Unspecified disorder of psychological development	F89
Sensory Processing Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC: 0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Sensory Over-Responsivity Disorder	20.1	Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder	315.8	Other Disorders of Psychological Development	Autism Spectrum Disorder *ODM's ICD-10 reference is currently Autistic Disorder	F84.0
					Other pervasive developmental disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
					Other disorders of psychological development	F88
Sensory Under-Responsivity Disorder	20.2	Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder	315.80	Other Disorders of Psychological Development	Autism Spectrum Disorder *ODM's ICD-10 reference is currently Autistic Disorder	F84.0

					Other pervasive developmental disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
					Other disorders of psychological development	F88
Other Sensory Processing Disorder	20.3	Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder	315.80	Other Disorders of Psychological Development	Autism Spectrum Disorder *ODM's ICD-10 reference is currently Autistic Disorder	F84.0
					Other pervasive developmental disorders	F84.8
					Pervasive developmental disorder, unspecified	F84.9
					Other disorders of psychological development	F88
Anxiety Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC: 0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Separation Anxiety Disorder	30.1	Separation Anxiety Disorder	309.21	Separation Anxiety Disorder of Childhood	Separation anxiety disorder of childhood	F93.0
Social Anxiety Disorder (Social Phobia)	30.2	Social Anxiety Disorder	300.23	(Social Phobia) Social Anxiety Disorder of Childhood	F40.10 Social phobia, unspecified	F40.10
					F40.11 Social phobia, generalized	F40.11
					F93.2 Social Anxiety Disorder of Childhood	F93.2
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	30.3	Generalized Anxiety Disorder	300.02	Generalized Anxiety Disorder	Generalized anxiety disorder	F41.1
Selective Mutism	30.4	Selective Mutism	313.23	Selective Mutism	Selective mutism	F94.0
Inhibition to Novelty Disorder	30.5	Other Specified Anxiety Disorder	300.09	Other Specified Anxiety Disorder	Other specified anxiety disorders	F41.8
Other Anxiety Disorder of Infancy/Early Childhood	30.6	Other Specified Anxiety Disorder	300.09	Other Specified Anxiety Disorder	Other specified anxiety disorders	F41.8
					Anxiety disorder, unspecified	F41.9
Mood Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC:0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Depressive Disorder of Early Childhood	40.1	Major Depressive Disorder	296.2X	Depressive Episode	Major depressive disorder	F32.X
					Dysthymic disorder	F34.1

Disorder of Dysregulated Anger and Aggression of Early Childhood	40.2	Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder	296.99	Other Persistent Mood Disorders	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	F34.81
					Other specified persistent mood disorders	F34.89
					Unspecified mood [affective] disorder	F39
Other Mood Disorder of Early Childhood	40.3	Other Specified Depressive Disorder	311	Other specified depressive episodes	Other specified depressive episodes	F32.89
					Other specified persistent mood disorders	F34.89
					Unspecified mood [affective] disorder	F39
Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC: 0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	50.1	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	300.3	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder	F42.X (excludes F42.3, F42.4, F42.9)
Tourette's Disorder	50.2	Tourette's Disorder	307.23	Tourette's Disorder	Tourette's Disorder	F95.2
Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder	50.3	Persistent (Chronic) Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder	307.22	Chronic Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder	Chronic Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder	F95.1
					Tic disorder, unspecified	F95.9
Trichotillomania	50.4	Trichotillomania	312.39	Trichotillomania	Trichotillomania	F63.3
Skin Picking Disorder of Infancy/Early Childhood	50.5	Excoriation (Skin-Picking) Disorder	698.4	Factitial Dermatitis, Neurotic Excoriation	Excoriation (skin-picking) disorder	F42.4
Other Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders	50.6	Other Specified Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorder	300.3	Other obsessive-compulsive disorder	Other obsessive-compulsive disorder	F42.8
					Obsessive-compulsive disorder, not otherwise specified	F42.9
Sleep, Eating and Crying Disorders						
Sleep Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC:0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Sleep Onset Disorder	60.1	Insomnia Disorder	780.52	Nonorganic Insomnia	Insomnia Disorders	F51.0X

					Sleep disorder not due to a sub or known physiol cond, unsp	F51.9
Night Waking Disorder	60.2	Insomnia Disorder	780.52	Nonorganic Insomnia	Insomnia Disorders	F51.0X
					Sleep disorder not due to a sub or known physiol cond, unsp	F51.9
Partial Arousal Sleep Disorder	60.3	Non-Rapid Eye Movement Sleep Arousal Disorders - Sleep terror type	307.46	Sleep Terrors	Sleepwalking [somnambulism]	F51.5
					Sleep terrors [night terrors]	F51.4
Nightmare Disorder of Early Childhood	60.4	Nightmare Disorder	307.47	Nightmares	Nightmare Disorder	F51.5
Eating Disorders of Infancy/Early Childhood						
Overeating Disorder	60.5	Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder	307.59	Overating Associated with Other Psychological Disturbances	Binge eating disorder	F50.81
					Other specified eating disorder	F50.89
					Eating disorder, unspecified	F50.9
Undereating Disorder	60.6	Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder	307.59	Other Eating Disorders	Avoidant/Restrictive food intake disorder	F50.82
					Other specified eating disorder	F50.89
					Eating disorder, unspecified	F50.9
Pica	60.7b	Pica	307.52	Pica of Infancy and Childhood	Pica of infancy and childhood	F98.3
Rumination	60.7c	Rumination Disorder	307.53	Feeding Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood/Rumination Disorder of Infancy	Rumination Disorder of Infancy	F98.21
Hoarding	60.7a	Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder	307.59	Feeding Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood	Other reaction to severe stress	F43.8
					Other feeding disorders of infancy and early childhood	F98.29
Crying						
Excessive Crying Disorder	60.8	N/A	N/A	Nonspecific Symptoms Peculiar to Infancy	Excessive crying of baby	R68.11
					Fussy baby	R68.12
					Other childhood emotional disorders	F93.8
Other						
Other Feeding-Related	60.9	Other Specified Feeding or Eating Disorder	307.59	Other Eating Disorders	Other specified eating disorder	F50.89
					Eating disorder, unspecified	F50.9
Other Sleeping-Related	60.9	Other Specified Sleep-Wake Disorder	780.59	Other Nonorganic Sleep Disorders	Insomnia Disorders	F51.0X
					Sleep disorder not due to a sub or known physiol cond, unsp	F51.9

Other Crying Related	60.9	N/A	N/A	Excessive Crying in Infants	Excessive crying of baby	R68.11
					Fussy baby	R68.12
					Other childhood emotional disorders	F93.8
Trauma, Stress, and Deprivation Disorders						
DC:0-5	DC:0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	70.1	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder for Children 6 Years and Younger	309.81	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	Post-traumatic stress disorders	F43.1X
Adjustment Disorder	70.2	Adjustment Disorder, Unspecified	309.9	Adjustment Disorder - Unspecified	Adjustment disorders	F43.2X
Complicated Grief Disorder	70.3	Other Specified Trauma- and Stressor-Related Disorder (Persistent Complex Bereavement Disorder)	309.89	Other Reactions to Severe Stress	Adjustment disorder with other symptoms	F43.29
					Prolonged Grief Disorder	F43.81
Reactive Attachment Disorder	70.4	Reactive Attachment Disorder	313.89	Reactive Attachment Disorder	Reactive attachment disorder of childhood	F94.1
Disinhibited Social Engagement Disorder	70.5	Disinhibited Social Engagement Disorder	313.89	Disinhibited Attachment Disorder of Childhood	Disinhibited attachment disorder of childhood	F94.2
Other Trauma, Stress, and Deprivation Disorder	70.6	Unspecified Trauma- and Stressor-Related Disorder	309.9	Reaction to Severe Stress, Unspecified	Acute stress reaction	F43.0
					Other reactions to severe stress	F43.89
					Reaction to severe stress, unspecified	F43.9
Relationship Disorder						
DC:0-5	DC:0-5 Code	DSM-5	DSM-5 Code	ICD-10	ODM ICD-10 BH Code Groups Reference	ICD-10 Code
Relationship Specific Disorder of Infancy/Early Childhood	80.1	Parent-Child Relational Problem	V61.20	Other Specified Problems Related to Upbringing	Relational conflict	Z62.8XX
					Encntr for mental hlth serv for victim of prntl child abuse	Z69.010
					Encntr for mntl hlth serv for vctm of non-prntl child abuse	Z69.020
					Other childhood emotional disorders	F93.8
					Childhood emotional disorder, unspecified	F93.9