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Title of Policy Statement: DC:0-5 Assessment Tool for Behavioral Health Agencies Licensed Under Chapter 246-341 WAC | Policy Number: CHS-07-20-22

Issuing Entity: Department of Health

Subject Matter: Allowing behavioral health agencies licensed under chapter 246-341 WAC to utilize the *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood* (DC:0-5) when completing a diagnostic assessment statement.

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Policy Statement

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| Title: | DC:0-5 Assessment Tool for Behavioral Health Agencies Licensed Under Chapter 246-341 WAC | Number: CHS-07-20-22 |
| References: | WAC 246-341-0640; RCW 74.09.520 | |
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Providers working in behavioral health agencies licensed by the Department of Health (department) under chapter 246-341 WAC may use either the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5) or the *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood* (DC:0-5), when completing a diagnostic assessment statement as required in WAC 246-341-0640.

The current clinical record content documentation standards in WAC 246-341-0640 require the licensed behavioral health agency to use the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5).

In 2021, the legislature passed Second Substitute House Bill 1325 (chapter 126, laws of 2021), which amended RCW 74.09.520 to require Apple Health mental health professionals to use the current version of the DC:0-5 diagnostic classification system for mental health assessment and diagnosis of children from birth through five years of age for billing purposes.

The department has a rulemaking process underway, initiated under WSR 21-14-010, to amend chapter 246-341 WAC, including WAC 246-341-0640, to add the DC:0-5 so that all licensing requirements are available in one document.

Until which time the Department of Health amends its current rules to incorporate both the DSM-5 and DC:0-5, the department will accept either diagnostic assessment tool for the purposes of completing the diagnostic assessment statement as required in WAC 246-341-0640.