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To: Community Living Assistance and Supports Services Program Providers  
Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities Program Providers  
Home and Community-based Services Program Providers  
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions Program Providers  
Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities  
Texas Home Living Program Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 18-11  
Changes to HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List [This letter replaces IL 18-04]

Beginning Oct. 1, 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will implement an annual update to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) code set, which includes new and revised ICD-10 diagnostic codes.

As a result of the updates, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has revised the HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List to remove the ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are no longer valid and include, where applicable, corresponding ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

### **List of Invalid ICD-10 Related Conditions Codes**

The following ICD-10 diagnoses codes are no longer valid and were deleted from the HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
E72.8	Other specified disorders of amino-acid metabolism
G71.0	Muscular dystrophy
Q93.5	Other deletions of part of a chromosome

Each of the invalid codes was replaced with multiple, more specific ICD-10 codes which have been added to the list. For this reason, there is no crosswalk.

## **Instructions**

All Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions Assessments (ID/RCs) and claims must be submitted using an individual's valid ICD-10 diagnostic code. To ensure there is no lapse in the program eligibility of an individual who you provide services to or denial of claims, program providers and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authorities (LIDDAs) must comply with the following:

- All ID/RCs with effective dates prior to October 1, 2018, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2018 code set.
- All ID/RCs with effective dates on or after October 1, 2018, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2019 code set.
- All claims for service with effective dates prior to October 1, 2018, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2018 code set.
- All claims for service with effective dates on or after October 1, 2018, must be submitted using the ICD-10 2019 code set.

If an individual's current diagnosis is no longer valid, the program provider or LIDDA must obtain an ICD-10 code from a physician who is attesting to the diagnosis. HHSC encourages program providers and LIDDAs to be active in obtaining an individual's ICD-10 diagnosis codes in order to avoid denial of claims or ID/RC submission.

Attached to this IL is a sample letter that a program provider or LIDDA may give a physician to explain HHSC's eligibility requirements regarding the inclusion of an individual's valid ICD-10 code on an ID/RC in order to receive long term supports and services.

A program provider or LIDDA can refer to the [HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List](#) for a complete list of valid ICD-10 related conditions codes.

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Questions about this IL may be emailed to [Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us).  
In the subject line please use "Information Letter No. 18-11".

Sincerely,

*[Signature on file]*

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Deputy State Medicaid Director  
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Attachment:

- Attachment A - Letter to Physicians



[date]

Dear Physician:

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) requires Medicaid contractors that provide intellectual disability waiver services to ensure valid ICD-10 codes are used. Additionally, all diagnostic reassessments to establish ongoing eligibility of individuals receiving Medicaid services must use valid ICD-10 codes. As a result of updates to the ICD-10 code set for 2019, you have at least one patient receiving services who has an ICD-10 code that is not valid for establishing eligibility for waiver services funded by HHSC. If the individual's reassessment was completed on or after October 1, 2018, HHSC requires diagnostic assessments be submitted using the ICD-10 code set for 2019.

Please submit the HHSC contracted service provider documentation using valid ICD-10 diagnosis codes in order to update the patient's Intellectual Disability/Related Conditions Assessment form.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Valente by phone at 512-438-4287 or by email at [Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Mary.Valente@hhsc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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Resource:

ICD-10 HHSC-Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List