

SAN MATEO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

DATE: February 1, 1995

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY NO.: 95-01

SUBJECT: DSM-IV

AUTHORITY: Mental Health Services Division

SUPERSEDES: New Policy

Effective March 1, 1995, all diagnoses written on a client's clinical material and entered into the management information system must be found in the nomenclature of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, known as DSM-IV.

The only exception will be for additional ICD-9 codes in the rare circumstance that a code in that system is felt by a clinician to more aptly describe the mental disorder category of the client.

Under no circumstances should speculative and theoretically unique diagnoses, not found in either of the above systems, be written in the Mental Health Chart.

Approved: _____
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