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UPDATING SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE DIAGNOSES AND DUAL DIAGNOSIS CODES

This Bulletin is in response to questions regarding how to update the substance use/abuse diagnosis and/or the dual diagnosis code in a client's Clinical Record after an episode has already been opened. **The MH 501-Diagnosis Information Form, see attached, should be used for both of these purposes.** Changes should NOT be made on the Initial Assessment.

To Change/Update an Axis I Substance Use/Abuse Diagnosis

If at any point after admission/the opening of the episode, it is determined that the client has a different or new substance use/abuse diagnosis, a Diagnosis Information form should be completed and given to data entry to update the diagnosis and/or dual diagnosis code in the IS. Simply list the full Five Axis diagnosis as it CURRENTLY stands. For any diagnosis that is added, the Diagnosis Information form requires a justification for the new diagnosis. If the justification can be found elsewhere in the Clinical Record, the document containing the justification may be referenced on the Diagnosis Information form.

To Change/Update a Dual Diagnosis Code

Similarly to the above method for changing/updating a diagnosis, the Diagnosis Information Form must be completed and given to data entry staff. **However, a justification is not needed if only the dual diagnosis code is being changed/updated.** Please see the Dual Diagnosis Decision Tree, see attached, regarding how to choose the appropriate Dual Diagnosis Code.

MH 501- Diagnosis Information form can be found at:
http://dmh.lacounty.gov/ToolsForClinicians/clinical_forms.html
Notes: Instructions for completing the form can be accessed by clicking on the question mark on the top of the form.

Pages 73 and 74 of the IS Codes Manual which lists all Dual Diagnosis Codes are attached and can also be found at: http://dmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/downloads/CODES_MANUAL_IS1_Version_3.4.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact John Sheehe (COD Coordinator) with Co-Occurring Disorders questions or Jennifer Eberle (Quality Assurance Staff) with documentation questions.

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DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION

Type of Diagnosis Information:

☐ Admission Diagnosis ☐ Clerical Revision to Admission Diagnosis ☐ Clerical Revision to Current Diagnosis
☐ Clinical Update to Current Diagnosis ☐ Other (please specify): _____

New/Updated Diagnosis: (include full *Current* Five Axes Diagnosis)

Note: The medication monitoring computer program will compare both the Principle and Secondary Diagnosis with any prescribed medication. A diagnosis consistent with the usual use of a given medication MUST appear as either the Principle or Secondary Diagnosis in the current/discharge diagnosis fields of the IS. If a diagnosis is inconsistent for the usual use of a medication, the medication MUST be specifically authorized through review and approval procedures.

Axis I ☐ Prin ☐ Sec Code _____ Nomenclature _____
(Medications cannot be prescribed with a deferred diagnosis)
☐ Sec Code _____ Nomenclature _____
Code _____ Nomenclature _____
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Axis II ☐ Prin ☐ Sec Code _____ Nomenclature _____
☐ Sec Code _____ Nomenclature _____
Code _____ Nomenclature _____

Axis III _____ Code _____
_____ Code _____
_____ Code _____

Axis IV Psychological and Environmental Problems which may affect diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis
Check as many as apply:
1. ☐ Primary Support Group 2. ☐ Social Environment 3. ☐ Educational 4. ☐ Occupational
5. ☐ Housing 6. ☐ Economics 7. ☐ Access to Health Care 8. ☐ Interaction with Legal System
9. ☐ Other Psychosocial/Environmental 10. ☐ Inadequate information

Axis V Current GAF: _____ DMH Dual Diagnosis Code: _____

Justification:

☐ See Initial Medication Support Service dated _____ ☐ See Assessment Addendum dated _____
☐ Justification from current Diagnostic Manual:

_____ _____ _____ _____
Signature & Discipline Date Co-signature & Discipline (when required) Date

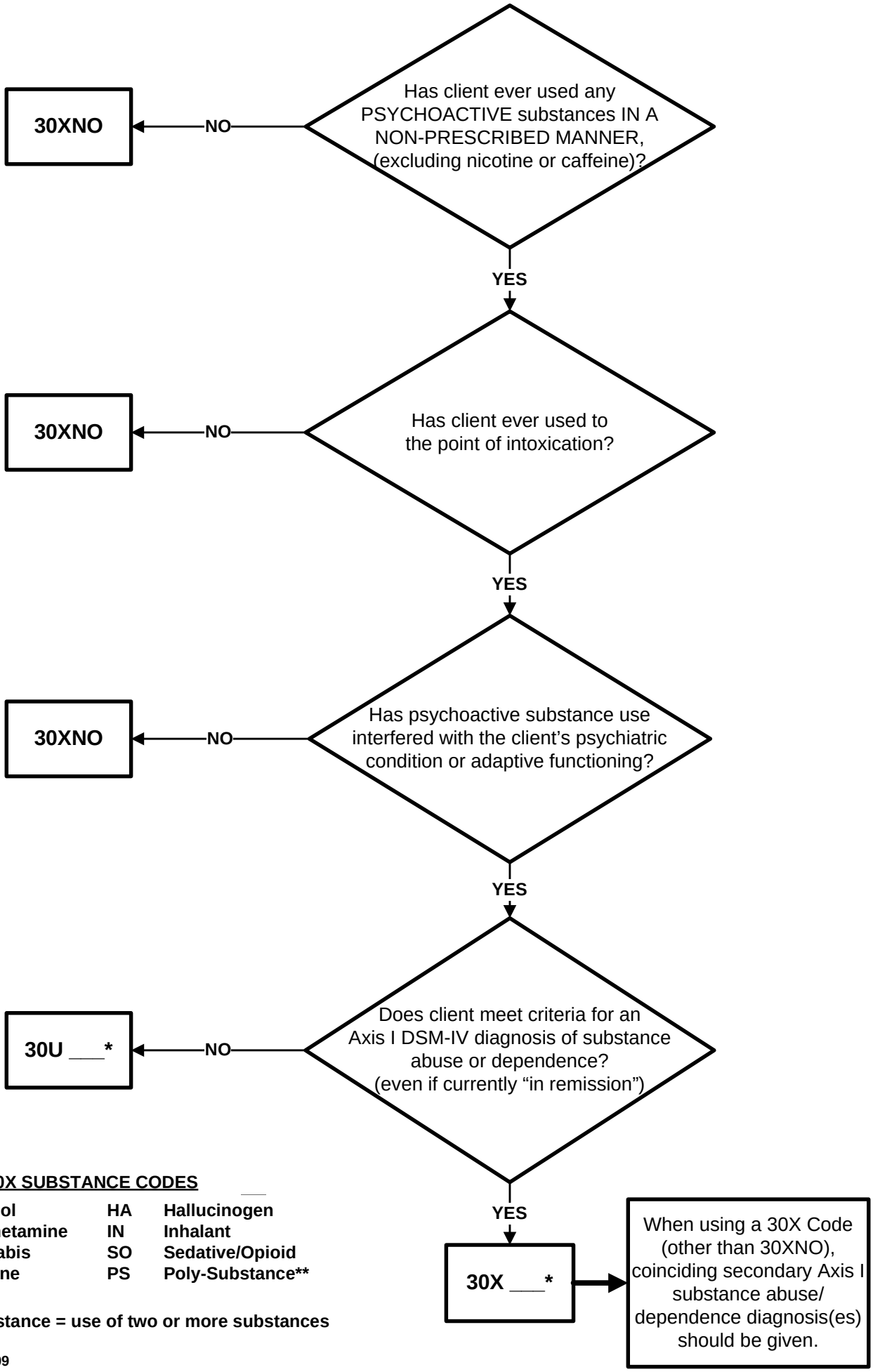
☐ Diagnosis has been entered in the IS by _____ (initials) on _____ (date).

This confidential information is provided to you in accord with State and Federal laws and regulations including but not limited to applicable Welfare and Institutions code, Civil Code and HIPAA Privacy Standards. Duplication of this information for further disclosure is prohibited without prior written authorization of the client/authorized representative to whom it pertains unless otherwise permitted by law. Destruction of this information is required after the stated purpose of the original request is fulfilled.

Name: **IS#:**
Agency: **Provider #:**
Los Angeles County – Department of Mental Health

DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION

DUAL DIAGNOSIS CODE DECISION TREE (9-25-09)



*** 30U and 30X SUBSTANCE CODES**

AL	**Alcohol**	**HA**	**Hallucinogen**
AM	**Amphetamine**	**IN**	**Inhalant**
MJ	**Cannabis**	**SO**	**Sedative/Opioid**
CO	**Cocaine**	**PS**	**Poly-Substance****

**** Poly-Substance = use of two or more substances**

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DUAL DIAGNOSES CODES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

NOTE:
Report at admission, annually thereafter, and at discharge.

"DUAL" Codes		Dual Diagnosis Description	DSM IV Codes Reference	
30xAL	30uAL	Alcohol	303.00	Alcohol Intoxification
			303.90	Alcohol Dependence (Includes remission)
			305.0	Alcohol Abuse
30xAM	30uAM	Amphetamine	292.89	Amphetamine or other similarly acting Sympathomimetic intoxication or
			305.70	Abuse or
			304.40	Dependence (includes remission)
30xMJ	30uMJ	Cannabis	292.89	Cannabis (Marijuana or Hashish) Intoxication Or
			305.20	Abuse or
			304.30	Independence (includes remission)
30xCO	30uCO	Cocaine	292.89	Cocaine Intoxication
			305.60	Cocaine Abuse
			304.20	Cocaine Dependence (includes remission)
30xHA	30uHA	Hallucinogen	292.89	Hallucinogen, Phencyclidine (PCP) or Similarly acting Arcyclohexylamine Intoxication or
			305.30	Abuse or
			304.50	Dependence (includes remission)
30xIN	30uIN	Inhalants	292.89	Inhalant Intoxication or
			305.90	Abuse or
			304.60	Dependence (includes remission)
30xSO	30uSO	Sedatives	292.89	Sedative, Hypnotic or Anxiolytic Intoxication Opioids Or

DUAL DIAGNOSES CODES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE (con't)

"DUAL" Codes		Dual Diagnosis Description	DSM IV Codes Reference
			305.40 Abuse or 304.10 Dependence (includes remission) 292.89 Opiod Intoxication or 305.50 Abuse or 304.00 Dependence (includes remission)
30xPS	30uPS	Poly-substance Use	304.80 Poly-substance Dependence (includes remission)
30xNO		No use of or history of psychoactive substances that interferes with the mental disorder and adaptive functioning.	
99999		Unknown	

NOTE:

X Codes: ***The Dual Diagnosis codes under (x) are to be used for clients who meet the DSM IV criteria for psychoactive substance intoxication, abuse, and dependence (includes remission).***

U Codes: ***The Dual Diagnosis codes under (u) are to be used to report clients with psychoactive substance use which interferes with their mental disorder and adaptive functioning.***