

Data Points

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Field Discontinued – Co-dependent/Collateral

The Co-dependent/Collateral field in the Client file is being discontinued as of July 2010. Please pad the field in the data file with a space or with a value of "8" (Not collected).

Based upon recent chart audits at several centers, it was determined that the field was not being coded properly. Clients were being marked as Co-dependent when, in fact, the services were provided for the clients' own substance abuse problem. After consulting with The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the State concluded that the simplest resolution to the data quality issues surrounding this data item was to drop the field from the CMHC dataset. It seems we do not need this field to meet federal data requirements.

So, it is not necessary for centers to continue to collect information on this field after Fiscal Year 2010. However, it is important to remember that the diagnosis codes and drug codes submitted for a client should **always** belong to the client receiving the services. Centers should **never** report diagnosis or drug codes that actually belong to a client's family member or significant other.

Reminders for Other Data Submission Changes for Fiscal Year 2011

Living Arrangements Field – Client File and Discharge File:

Code 99 (Other) is being discontinued as an allowable value.

New codes "25" (Living in residence of family member) and "26" (Living in residence of friend or acquaintance) were added in FY2010 to compensate for the loss of code "99".

Military History and Veteran Status Fields – Client File:

The use of the Military History field will be required in FY2011.

The Veteran Status field is being discontinued as of July 2010.

Deaf or Hard of Hearing Field – Client File:

Code 1 (Yes) has been dropped and three new codes have been added to provide further specificity: Code 2 (Deaf), Code 3 (Hard of Hearing), and Code 4 (Deaf-Blind). Errors in this field will be Possible Errors for Fiscal Year 2011. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2012, they will be considered General Errors. Field has been renamed from "Deaf and Hard of Hearing".

Self-Help Attendance Field – Client File and Discharge File:

A new field, "Attendance at Self-Help Programs in the Past 30 Days", was added as an optional field in the Client file and the Discharge file in January 2010. As of July 2010, the field will be required and will generate a General Error if improperly coded.

In the Client file, the field only needs to be collected for clients with a current Substance Abuse diagnosis. In the Discharge file, it is expected for all records.

For further details on these data items, see the Fiscal Year 2011 Data Submission Guide at http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/cmhc_data_guide.asp.

Administrative Changes at RDMC/IPOP

In case you haven't heard, the Research and Data Management Center moved its offices to the new UK College of Pharmacy Building back in February 2010. At the same time, our official name was changed

to the Institute for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy (IPOP). Our new contact information is as follows:

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