Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – February 2016

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department’s web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: § 5310.6 – Definitions

§ 5310.6 - The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Mental disorder—Conditions classified as mental disorders by the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM) excluding mental retardation and drug/alcohol conditions.

Question: Is the ICD-9-CM (The International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification) still the standard to use to assess mental disorders?

Answer: No; the ICD-9-CM is outdated. As of October 1, 2015, the ICD-10-CM is now offered and should be used to assess mental disorders as per the definition of “mental disorder.”