

Medicaid Services and Limitations for ages 0-3

Information taken from the March 2014 AHCA *Community Behavioral Health Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook*

Diagnosis

Payment for Medicaid Services is directly related to a billable diagnosis from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM).

Page 1-2 (AHCA handbook): A person under the age of 21 years diagnosed with a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder of sufficient duration to meet one of the diagnostic categories specified in the most recent edition of *the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.

The Florida Crosswalk for DC:0-3R to ICD-9-CD is a tool developed by the Harris Institute to assist the clinician in formulating a DSM diagnosis. The crosswalk provides an area of the DSM for the clinician to consider when there is a clear DC 0-3 diagnosis; however, the child would still need to meet full DSM criteria for that diagnosis. The Medicaid handbook does not reference the crosswalk, so the crosswalk is not considered an official Medicaid document that describes or explains Florida Medicaid policy.

Payment and Service Limitations

Individual/Family Therapy may be billed for a child age 0-3 that meets the above criteria. Medicaid will reimburse a maximum of 26 hours of Individual/Family Therapy per year.