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INFORMATION LETTER

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To: All Contracted SUPT Sober Living Environment (SLE) Providers with Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Flexible Funding

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Subject: Requirement for Sober Living Environment (SLE) Providers with BHBH Flexible Funding to enter a Diagnosis

Effective immediately, the following documentation requirements apply to all SUPT SLEs who have the capability to utilize BHBH Flexible Funding for participant assistance, rental assistance, and/or landlord outreach and mitigation. These updates are necessary to ensure that Flexible Funding billing can be fully processed within the County EHR.

1. Required Use of Z Codes (Z55–Z65)

All SLEs that have opted in to BHBH Flexible Funding must select and document an appropriate **Z Code (Z55–Z65)** from the *DMC-ODS DSM ICD-10 SNOMED Crosswalk with Z Codes (2-24-26)* for each member. The Z Code must reflect the members' **current housing status or housing-related need**.

2. Enter Z Code in SmartCare

Once the housing-related Social Determinant of Health (SDOH) is identified, the selected Z Code must be entered in the member's **Diagnosis** screen in SmartCare. The diagnosis must be effective on or before the first date of service. Note that ICD-10 Z55–Z65 codes may be entered by all providers

and do not require a LPHA or LPHA-Waived staff to enter the Z code diagnosis.

3. Z Codes May Be Entered by Any Classification

SDOH Z Codes (Z55–Z65) may be added by **any staff classification, but some classifications may need to request access to the diagnosis screen via an EHR Account/Training Registration form to BHS-EHRTrainingReg@saccounty.gov.**

As an example, Z59.0 Homelessness, Z59.01 Sheltered Homelessness, Z59.02 Unsheltered Homelessness, Z59.1 Inadequate Housing.

If you need assistance:

- **Quality Management will be updating Documentation Training materials to reflect these changes. Please direct questions to QMInformation@saccounty.gov**
- **This and all notices can be found at: <https://dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/Provider-Notices.aspx>**