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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: Disease Diagnosis Coding

As a result of questions surrounding coding of disease diagnoses, clarification is being provided regarding the entry of diagnosis information within **Section I**. Disease Diagnoses of the InterRAI-HC. The purpose of gathering diagnoses information is to determine what health factors are the primary reason(s) for the assistance being requested. **Question 1**, Disease Diagnoses, lists many illnesses that commonly affect recipients of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). The listed options include musculoskeletal, neurological, cardiac, pulmonary, psychiatric, infection, cancer and diabetes related conditions. If one or more of these options is applicable to the participant, HCBS provider staff completing the assessment form shall make the appropriate selection(s). Completion of **Question 2**, Other Disease Diagnoses is not necessary.

In instances in which there is no applicable diagnosis option available in **Question 1**, only the primary diagnosis is required to be entered on **Question 2**. The diagnoses returned by the search in this section are very specific. HCBS provider staff should make every effort to select the correct diagnosis from those included in the system based on the information available to them at time of reassessment.

Secondary health conditions reported by the participant may be documented in the case notes section of the HCBS Web Tool if needed to support the plan of care.

Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Program Integrity at programintegrity@health.mo.gov or 573/526-8557.

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