Effective 2/1/20, the County of San Diego is transitioning to the use of DMS-5 descriptors for the diagnosis that are entered in SanWITS.

- The new descriptors (format) is required to be used as part of each Client’s Diagnosis Determination Note (DDN) and will be listed as part of each claim submitted to the County of San Diego.

1. **Adding “NEW” DSM-5 Descriptors:** Beginning on 2/1/20, SanWITS will include DSM-5 descriptors as part of the dropdown choices for the client diagnosis. A DSM 5 Diagnostic label is required for all new diagnoses and new admissions entered in SanWITS on or after 2/1/20 which is connotated by “DSM 5” being listed in the parenthesis next to the descriptor.

2. **Transition Period from 2/1/20-6/30/20 12/31/20.** SanWITS will continue to include the ICD descriptors in SanWITS which will give agencies and programs time to update the diagnosis of existing client records. During this transition period, there will be both ICD-10 and DSM-5 diagnoses in drop-down menus in SanWITS.

3. **On 7/1/20 1/1/2021**, SanWITS will expire all diagnoses that do not include the DSM-5 descriptors. Once expired, if there are any unreleased encounters pointing to an expired ICD-10 diagnosis, the provider will need to enter a new DSM-5 diagnosis before they can release the encounter to billing. **Updating all active clients records in SanWITS with the new diagnosis format is a critical step in this transition process.**

**NOTE:**

- F-Codes will not change, only the diagnosis descriptors will be changing to use DSM-5 language.

- Agencies/Programs that have not completed this step by the deadline will most likely lead to delays in the claiming process and could result in delays in payment.