Drug & Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 Involuntary Code for Legal Status Codeset

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DRUG & ALCOHOL TREATMENT ACT 2007 – INVOLUNTARY CODE FOR LEGAL STATUS CODESET

PURPOSE

To update the Legal Status Codeset to include a code to be used to identify patients who are treated involuntarily under the Drug & Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 (NSW) and the associated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Regulation 2012.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

All patient administration systems (Cerner, iPM, HOSPAS) must have their code set tables modified to collect the new Legal Status value as soon as possible.

New Value to be created for the new Legal Status codeset is “80 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Act 2007- Involuntary”.

IMPLEMENTATION

Chief Executives are required to ensure:

• Relevant staff are required to comply with this policy directive.

REVISION HISTORY

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1 BACKGROUND

1.1 About this document

The purpose of this document is to mandate an update to the Legal Status Codeset to include a code to be used to identify patients who are treated involuntarily under the Drug & Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 (NSW) and the associated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Regulation 2012.

1.2 Key definitions

“Legal Status” describes the legislative provision governing a patient’s health care at a particular point in time.

1.3 Legal and legislative framework

The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Regulation 2012 prescribes the 4th September, 2012 as the commencement of the statewide Drug & Alcohol Treatment Act 2007 and the Involuntary Drug & Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) program. As such there is a need to recode the legal status of any inpatient who was admitted to an IDAT Unit on or after the 4th September, 2012. There are currently two IDAT Units in NSW, one in Northern Sydney LHD (Herbert Street) and the other in Western NSW LHD (Orange Health Service).
2 IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Legal Status Codeset Modification

This Policy directs those involved with the code set maintenance of the relevant Patient Administration Systems (PAS) to correctly set up and maintain a new Drug & Alcohol code in the Legal Status codeset. This includes those who develop and manage the statewide PASs, and those who manage the PASs at the hospitals (e.g. medical record staff). The new code – “80 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Act 2007- Involuntary” is to be added to the existing code set.

All patient administration systems (Cerner, iPM, HOSPAS) must have their code set tables modified to collect the new Legal Status value as soon as possible.

As this does not necessitate a software change as such, notification of future changes to the code set will be advised by Information Bulletin and updated on the Admitted Patient Data Dictionary web page.

Local Health District Executive must ensure this policy is distributed to all staff involved in the maintenance of inpatient Patient Administration Systems (PASs). This includes those who develop and manage the statewide PASs, and those who manage the PASs at the hospitals (e.g. medical record staff).

The following is a list of updates for implementation as soon as practicable. Note future modifications to the codeset will be notified by Information Bulletin.

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1. Implementation Checklist
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