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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in 305 ILCS 5/539 Behavioral Health Services for Children; Diagnostic Assessment System, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services hereby submits this letter outlining the recommendations required by this legislation regarding "the resources needed to integrate developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate diagnostic codes into the State system."

HFS reviewed the developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate diagnostic codes and determined that all such codes can be cross-walked to existing codes that are currently available in the State system. HFS further determined that including non-ICD-10 codes, such as the developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate codes referenced in the legislation would jeopardize federal certification of the entire State system resulting in loss of federal funding to support the operations of the State system. Sacrificing federal certification to include the referenced codes would result in significant fiscal impacts to the State, as the State would be required to fully fund HFS' billing and claiming system.

For these reasons, HFS strongly recommends that the developmentally and age-appropriate codes continue to be cross-walked to existing ICD-10 codes that are currently available in the State system.

Respectfully,

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