

Written response (April 10, 2014) from Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) to request for clarification regarding the term 'Somatic symptom disorder' and Australia's clinical modification of ICD-10, ICD-10-AM:

In sum: 'Somatic symptom disorder' has not been added to Australia's ICD-10-AM.

On March 25, I had requested clarification regarding a reference to Australia's ICD-10-AM July 2013 Edition and this Australian legislative document:

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L00304>

Statement of Principles concerning somatic symptom disorder No. 24 of 2014 - F2014L00304

The document states:

"Somatic symptom disorder attracts ICD-10-AM code F45.1."

The document references the *July 2013 Eighth Edition of ICD-10-AM* (the most recent edition).

ACCD referred my enquiry to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA).

The following responses were provided by the Classification Licensing Officer, Independent Hospital Pricing Authority:

Thank you for your enquiry. The ACCD has referred your enquiry to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA). Please find below advice from both the ACCD and IHPA in response to your queries.

1] Was *Somatic symptom disorder* added to the July 2013 Eighth Edition of ICD-10-AM as an Inclusion term to *F45.1 Undifferentiated somatoform disorder* in the ICD-10-AM Tabular List. No, *Somatic symptom disorder* has not be included or otherwise individually specified in the Tabular List of ICD-10-AM Eighth Edition (published July 2013)

2] Was the term *Somatic symptom disorder* also added to the Alphabetical Index for the July 2013 Eight Edition?

No, similarly, *Somatic symptom disorder* has not be included or otherwise individually specified within the Alphabetic Index of ICD-10-AM Eighth Edition (July 2013)

Australia does not use any cross-walks and/or mappings between DSM V and ICD-10 to update the ICD-10-AM classification. It is used as a reference tool only.

3] Does the legislative document above rely on the DSM-5 cross-walk as published in the DSM-5 in May 2013 to the U.S.'s ICD-9-CM and forthcoming ICD-10-CM for the statement "*Somatic symptom disorder* attracts ICD-10-AM code *F45.1*." Or does the legislative document rely on a cross-walk between DSM-5 and ICD-10-AM that is specific to the ICD-10-AM Eighth Edition, July 2013?

Unfortunately neither the ACCD nor IHPA is able to answer this query specifically. As there are no maps between DSM V and ICD-10-AM, IHPA cannot comment on how or on what basis or advice the Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) has made this determination. For further information, IHPA would like to suggest that you contact the RMA. The RMA may be contacted via their web-form at <http://www.rma.gov.au/contact/main.htm>, or by phone on the following number if dialling out from the UK: 00 61 07 3815 9412