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The Department of Behavioral Health received authority in 2020 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through the District of Columbia's (District) Section 1915i Medicaid waiver to seek Medicaid reimbursement for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Supported Employment services delivered by providers certified pursuant to Title 22-A District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Chapter 37. The Department transitioned both Supported Employment services from waiver authority into its Medicaid State Plan Amendment effective July 1, 2022. As a part of the transition, the Department began conducting diagnostic and needs based assessments for each consumer/client referred for supported employment services beginning on July 1, 2022. Effective immediately, pursuant to Title 22-A, D.C. Municipal Regulation Sections 3708.3(b); 3711.3(b), the Department will perform a needs-based assessment only and not a diagnostic assessment for each consumer/client referred to the Department for supported employment services. The Department plans to further memorialize this change in future rulemaking.

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