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What's New for the 2017 Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS)

This document summarizes changes to the survey form and data entry application for the 2017 PCS. For more information about the survey form and the data entry application, please visit the Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS) web page.

Changes to the Survey Form

- **Principal and Additional Diagnostic System Questions:** These questions have been deleted. Only DSM-5 Diagnoses will be accepted for 2017.
- **Education Level Question:** The "Business, technical training" response option has been changed to "Vocational and/or trade school".
- **Date of Client Service:** Dates were revised to reflect the 2017 Survey Week (October 23- October 29).

Changes to the Data Entry Application

- **Diagnoses:** Only DSM-5 Diagnosis Codes/Labels will be accepted.
- **Imported data**: The import process of PROS data from the Child and Adult Integrated Recording System (CAIRS) into the PCS application will be updated to reflect the recent changes to the PROS screens.