

Introduction to ICD-10

The ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets on October 1, 2015. ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims.

Overview of ICD-10 - What is ICD-10?

Developed over ten years with input from many stakeholders, mostly professional societies, ICD-10-CM extends the 14,400 WHO codes to 69,823 codes. The United States version of ICD-10-CM is maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (www.cdc.gov)

ICD-10 provides more specific data than ICD-9 and better reflects current medical practice. The added detail embedded within ICD-10 codes informs health care providers and health plans of patient incidence and history, which will improve the effectiveness of case management and care coordination functions. Accurate coding reduces the volume of claims rejected due to ambiguity.

Transition to ICD-10

On October 1, 2015, all covered entities, as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Administrative Simplification, are required to adopt ICD-10 diagnosis codes for services provided beginning on October 1, 2015. For inpatient encounters, ICD-10 procedure codes will be required to be used for all stays with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2015. The transition to ICD-10 procedure codes for inpatient encounters does not directly affect outpatient service providers' use of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

An Implementation Checklist

<p>Getting Ready for the ICD-10 Transition: Plan, Communicate & Review</p> <p>Requires Immediate Attention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review ICD-10 resources from Medi-Cal, CMS, vendors/billing contractors and other resources. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify your staff of the future ICD-10 code change. <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble an ICD-10 project team to handle tasks and oversee the transition. Be sure to include individuals from different business units affected by the ICD-10 transition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assign individual tasks to different members of the ICD-10 project team. At group meetings, assess progress of the transition. <input type="checkbox"/> Assess the effects of ICD-10 on your organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assess the effect on all business units. •Locate current learning/skill gaps for coding staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a plan of action to tackle the ICD-10 transition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identify goals and develop a strategy to undertake the transition. •Keep concise and consistent messages as part of a communication strategy to educate stakeholders (upper management, IT staff, and other transitory staff). <input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner Preparedness: assess the timeframe it will take payers and other billing service contractors to get ready for ICD-10 (three months, five months, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assess contractor preparedness by using a timeline for upgrading the system.
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<p>ICD-10 Transition and Testing (January to September 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get vendors to complete transition to production-ready ICD-10 systems. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a back-up plan for continuing operation if a critical system fails or has any problem during ICD-10 implementation. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a communication plan for post ICD-10 implementation. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue progress updates with the ICD-10 implementation team and upper management.
<p>Preparing for Go-Live</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm with system contractor(s) that upgrades/enhancements in the contractor system have been completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize all internal system upgrades and testing. <input type="checkbox"/> Make any adjustments to results of testing responses and do regression testing. <input type="checkbox"/> Revisit and conduct a test of the back-up plan, in case the implementation of ICD-10 poses any problems, to remain operational. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize external testing with outside contractors. <input type="checkbox"/> Coding staff should complete their comprehensive ICD-10 training prior to the go-live date. It is recommended for training to begin six to nine months before implementation. <input type="checkbox"/> Resolve any problems/issues that may arise during testing that may have been overlooked. <input type="checkbox"/> Enact the ICD-10 implementation communication plan. <input type="checkbox"/> GO-LIVE: Implement ICD-10 by October 1, 2015.
<p>Completing the ICD-10 Transition & Post-Compliance (Must be completed by October 1, 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete ICD-10 transition full compliance: October 1, 2015. ICD-10 codes are required for services provided on or after October 1, 2015. <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor any errors as they occur. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue any coding staff training if learning gaps still exist.

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