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Plan Now for ICD-10 Implementation

On **October 1, 2014**, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets. The transition to ICD-10 is required for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Implementation

Implementation planning for ICD-10-CM should begin immediately if it is not already under way, regardless of the size or function of your practice. ICD-10-CM implementation is not just a billing or information systems project. The organizational effect of the transition will be broad and deep. Industry experts recommend that by the end of first-quarter 2013, providers should have finalized their ICD-10 training plans, established ICD workgroups, and determined who in their organization will lead the ICD-10 charge. In fact, timelines developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) suggest that high-level training for ICD-10 testing teams begin in March 2013 and extend through December of this year.

The following table displays the high-level differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10, and Procedure Coding System (PCS) codes.

Code	ICD-9	ICD-10
Diagnosis (Clinical Modification - CM)	3,000 codes	68,000 codes
	3-5 digits (alpha/numeric)	3-7 digits (alpha/numeric)
Inpatient Procedure Coding System (PCS)	13,000 codes	72,081 codes
	3-4 digits (numeric)	7 digits (alpha/numeric)

Please Note: While the new ICD-10 codes will provide greater specificity through the expansion of the overall code set, providers will need to adopt only those codes that are relevant to their day-to-day operations.

Submission of Claims

On March 27, 2012, the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) announced the release of a revised version of the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (version 02/12). This revised version will update the current 1500 Claim Form (version 08/05), often referred to as the "HCFA 1500" or "CMS-1500." This revision is not fully approved and is not currently accepted for claim submissions. You will be notified when it is approved and available for use.

The CMS-1500 form revision includes changes to accommodate ICD-10 code changes, but does not rely on the implementation of ICD-10 to become active. More information is available from the NUCC website at: www.nucc.org.

More Information

Providers are encouraged to check the CMS website for the most up-to-date information and timelines. The following webpages contain useful information and resources:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/icd10>

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ICD-10ImplementationTimelines.html>