Less than 90 Days to ICD-10 Implementation

COUNTDOWN TO ICD-10: THE CLOCK IS RUNNING!

The Compliance deadline for ICD-10 implementation is less than 3 months away. As the Healthcare Industry enters the final phase of implementation and prepares for the "Big Change" of ICD-10, MDHHS is also in preparation for a successful ICD-10 transition for providers. The entire Industry has been preparing for the coding change with an imminent implementation date of October 1st, 2015.

ICD-10 LATEST NEWS

AMA & CMS announce enthusiastic cooperation in ICD-10 transition on July 6, 2015:

- With less than three months remaining until the nation switches from ICD-09 to ICD-10 coding for medical diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) have announced efforts to continue to help physicians get ready ahead of the October 1 deadline. In response to requests from the provider community, CMS is releasing additional guidance that will allow for flexibility in the claims auditing and quality reporting process as the medical community gains experience using the new ICD-10 code set.

- In accordance with the coming transition, the Medicare claims processing system will not have the capability to accept ICD-9 codes for dates of service after September 30, 2015, nor will they be able to accept claims for both ICD-09 and ICD-10 codes.


CMS publishes FAQs regarding CMS & AMA Coalition. Document addresses four important points for the upcoming transition:

1. CMS is creating an ICD-10 Ombudsman to address ICD-10 problems for healthcare providers.
2. CMS promises that Medicare will not deny any medical claims "based solely on the specificity of the ICD-10 diagnosis code as long as the physician/practitioner used a valid code from the right family."
3. Quality reporting programs such as Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Value Based Modifier (VBM), or Meaningful Use 2 (MU) will suspend penalties that may result because of lack of specificity.
4. There will be advance payments available if the Medicare system has problems.

**MDHHS ICD-10 Policy Updates:**

**DME Providers**
- Spanning across ICD-09/ICD-10 implementation based on FROM date of Service will be allowed for all DME orders.
- Any DME orders after ICD-10 Implementation must have ICD-10 Codes.
- All other Claims with spanning will be rejected.
- Review [MLN7492](#) and [SE1408](#)

**MDHHS Claims Processing for October 1, 2015 Implementation**
- ICD-10 codes accepted for dates of service 10/01/2015 or after.
- ICD-09 codes will continue to be accepted for dates of service through September 30, 2015 (timely filing will apply).
- **MDHHS will ONLY accept ONE set of codes per claim.**

**WHAT CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION DO TO PREPARE FOR ICD-10?**

1. **Participate in Provider Testing with MDHHS NOW:** *It is the only way to test your systems and know if claims will adjudicate.* Go to MDHHS’ Website at [www.michigan.gov/5010icd10](http://www.michigan.gov/5010icd10) - Click the ICD-10 Button, click Testing in MDCH Links for the following testing opportunities:
   b. Outpatient Scenario-Based Testing
   c. Inpatient APR-DRG Comparative Testing

2. **Attend one of MDHHS’s Provider Outreach ICD-10 Virtual Seminars:**
   **NEW SESSIONS added Summer 2015 due to Provider Interest!**
   - **Thursday, August 13, 2015 @ 2pm**
   - **Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 10am**
     a. **Register Early** on our Website:
        - [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders)
        - Click Medicaid Provider Training Sessions in “Hot Topics”
     b. **Agenda includes ICD-10 Basic Overview:**
        - **History, Changes, Provider Impacts and Provider Readiness Tools FOR ALL PROVIDERS**
        - Provider Specific Impacts to include updates from Provider Consultants
          - **Dental, Transportation, Professional Facilities, DME and Nursing Facilities**
        - **MDHHS Testing Updates:** Jim Kunz, MDHHS Testing Manager
        - **MDHHS Policy Updates:** Carmen Starkweather, MDHHS Policy Manager, *September Session Only*
        - **MDHHS Hospital Rates Updates** – Steve Ireland, Hospital Rate Review Manager,

3. **Visit MDHHS ICD-10 Website regularly for ICD-10 Resources:**
   a. ICD-10 Webcasts:
      i. **Provider Outreach Development Course**
      ii. **Clinical Documentation and More**
   b. **ICD-10 FAQs** and Helpful ICD-10 Resource Documents
   c. General Equivalence Maps (GEMs): **GEM Viewer**
   d. Other Helpful Links
4. Review Resources on ICD-10 Coalition for ICD-10 Website @ http://coalitionforicd10.org/icd-10-resources-for-physicians/

The Coalition for ICD-10 is a broad-based healthcare industry advocacy group — hospitals, health plans, hospital and physician office coding experts, vendors, and the health information technology (HIT) community— united in support of the U.S. adoption of the ICD-10 coding standard. The Coalition for ICD-10 promotes the critical importance of ICD-10 in improving quality measurement, public health surveillance, clinical research, and healthcare payment through research, education, advocacy, and mobilization.

ICD-10 TIPS & TOOLS FOR THE MONTH

2. Review CMS’s Implementation Guideline to ensure your organization is on task for a successful ICD-10 Implementation @ https://implementicd10.noblis.org/
3. Download the ICD-10 Official Draft Coding Set from CMS’s Website: www.cms.gov/icd10
4. Review the Top codes in your Practice and Map them in GEMS:
   1. MDHHS Gem Viewer @ www.michigan.gov/5010icd10 > click ICD-10 > Click Gems Viewer in Hot Topics. Map in reverse in order to validate code
   2. Confirm code at the highest level of specificity on CMS’s 2016 GEMs at www.cms.gov/icd10
5. Questions for your Practice Management System (PMS) Software Vendor
   1. Are you aware of these (and other) new government regulations?
   2. What is your schedule for 5010 and ICD-10 software upgrades/training?
   3. Will you be upgrading MY version of the software?
   4. If yes, what will be the cost for this upgrade?
   5. If not, what will be the cost for the version of the PMS software that will accommodate 5010/ICD-10?
   6. Will you be combining the upgrades for both mandates?
   7. Will you be offering any 5010 and ICD-10 training?
   8. If a current or potential electronic health record (EHR) user, what modifications to my EHR must be made in order to accommodate 5010 and ICD-10?
   9. What type of EHR/PMS interface do you offer?
   10. Will I require additional hardware to support the software modifications to my PMS software? If yes, what will be required and what will these upgrades cost?
6. TOP Questions for your Health Plans:
   1. When do you anticipate being ready to test each of the 5010 transactions?
   2. Will you be utilizing the CMS ICD-10 GEMs/crosswalks?
   3. When will you let us know about changes to coverage and payment due to ICD-10?
   4. Will you be offering any training or guidance regarding the migration to 5010/ICD-10?
      • 837 (Professional Claim)
      • 270/271 (Eligibility)
      • 276/277 (Claim Status)
      • 835 (Remittance)
      • 278 (Referral Certification and Authorization)
ICD-10 CODING TIPS FOR THE MONTH

Clinical Documentation Tips – *Ensure that a patient’s encounter with higher severity is justified by clear, concise, and accurate clinical documentation:*

1. Use SOAP (subjective, objective, assessment and plan) notes
2. Banish the words ‘routine’ in your clinical documentation
3. Document and justify excess time with patients

Review full article on MGMA website: [http://www.mgma.com/practice-resources/mgma-connection-plus/online-only/2014/may/3-ways-to-help-avoid-a-coding-audit](http://www.mgma.com/practice-resources/mgma-connection-plus/online-only/2014/may/3-ways-to-help-avoid-a-coding-audit)

MDHHS’S FEATURED SPECIALTY OF THE MONTH

**WHAT DOES ICD-10 TRANSITION MEAN FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS**

ICD is the global standard in diagnostic classification for health reporting and clinical applications for all medical diagnoses, including mental health and behavioral disorders.

The DSM-5 is the primary source used by clinicians for behavioral health diagnoses, but the ICD-10-CM code set is required for reporting and claim submissions. Behavioral health organizations need to have the appropriate supports in place in order to support accurate diagnostic reporting.

Be aware that DSM Codes ARE ICD Codes. Since 2003, ICD codes have been mandatory (per HIPAA) for reporting all electronic transactions for billing and reimbursement. The code set represents the World Health Organization (WHO)’s International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems; and are used in conjunction with CPT codes and HCPCS for billing. Because the DSM endorses (and therefore lists) most mental/behavioral health ICD codes, and because it’s the only accepted guide to ICD for the Mental Health industry, many providers believe that DSM and ICD codes are separate. They are not: DSM is ICD. It is important to recognize that there is no list of DSM codes separate from ICD codes. DSM directs providers to the correct ICD diagnosis code(s).

Resources for Mental Health Providers:


IMPACTS IN OBSTETRICS: **WHAT’S NEW!**

**TRIMESTERS:** Trimesters are counted from the 1st day of the last menstrual period and are defined as follows:

- 1st trimester: Fewer than 14 weeks 0 days
- 2nd trimester: 14 weeks 0 days to fewer than 28 weeks 0 days
- 3rd trimester: 28 weeks 0 days until delivery

Use additional code from category Z3A (normal pregnancy), weeks of gestation, to identify the specific week of the pregnancy:

- Z3A.00 Weeks of gestation of pregnancy not specified
- Z3A.01 Less than 8 weeks gestation of pregnancy
- Z3A.08 8 weeks gestation of pregnancy
- Z3A.09 9 weeks gestation of pregnancy
- Z3A.10 10 weeks gestation of pregnancy
- Z3A.11 11 weeks gestation of pregnancy
- Z3A.12 12 weeks gestation of pregnancy

**ADDITIONAL OBSTETRICS RESOURCES:**

Understanding and Applying ICD-10-CM Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium: Coding and Coding Guidelines -

AHIMA article on Pregnancy on Obstetric Coding:
http://library.ahima.org/xpedio/groups/public/documents/ahima/bok1_047548.hcsp?dDocName=bok1_047548

**WHAT DOES ICD-10 TRANSITION MEAN FOR TRANSPORT PROVIDERS**

- Transport Providers are Required to have a Diagnosis Code per HIPAA (ICD-10)
- Transport Personnel are required to record signs, symptoms and complaints
  - CMS will not be updating the Medical Condition Code list published in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 15, Section 40 (list currently is in ICD 09 format, must crosswalk to ICD-10 using GEMs).

**WHAT DOES ICD-10 TRANSITION MEAN FOR DENTAL PROVIDERS**

- ALL Dental Providers are required to use ICD-10 Codes for Extractions & Anesthesia
  - Please note that the Oral Cavity starts in the Digestive System
  - Used for Medical Necessity
- Continue to use CDT Codes for reporting procedures on dental claims
- WEDI offers a great ICD-10 Training Module for Dental Providers:

**WHAT DOES ICD-10 TRANSITION MEAN FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS**

**Seven Important ICD-10 Changes for Primary Care:**

1. **Headaches:** Increased codes available for severity of Headaches
2. **Depression:** Detailed codes available to episodes of depression (single vs. recurrent; mild, moderate or severe)
3. **Ear Infections:** Codes are more specific to middle ear infections
4. **Hypertension:** Codes available to denote type of hypertension – primary (essential) or hypertension involvement (vessels or brain or eye)
5. **Diabetes:** Physicians must not document Types of diabetes (I or II), drug induced or due to underlying conditions
6. **Asthma:** Physicians must now report the severity of Asthma:
   a. Mild intermittent
   b. Mild Persistent
c. Moderate Persistent
d. Severe Persistent

7. **Health Status & Services**: Codes Z55-Z68
   a. BMI = Z68
   b. Lifestyle Codes = Z72

CMS Offers Webcasts for Provider Specific Specialties for Documentation Coding

**TRANSITION RESOURCES FOR OTHER SPECIALTY PROVIDERS**


**ICD-10 QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?**

**Contact us by email**: MDHHS ICD-10 Provider Outreach:
- ICD-10 Awareness and Training Team: [MDCH-ICD-10@michigan.gov](mailto:MDCH-ICD-10@michigan.gov)
- MDHHS Provider Testing: [MDCH-B2B-Testing@michigan.gov](mailto:MDCH-B2B-Testing@michigan.gov)