ICD-10 Claims Compliance Date

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a final rule to adopt ICD-10 as the HIPAA standard code sets to replace the previously adopted ICD–9 codes for diagnosis and procedure codes in the HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Modifications to Medical Data Code Set Standards to Adopt ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, (74 FR 3328). The transition to ICD-10 is required for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Implementation of ICD-10 will:

- Accommodate new procedures and diagnoses unaccounted for in the ICD-9 code set
- Allow for greater specificity of diagnosis-related groups and preventive services
- Allow for improved accuracy in reimbursement, fraud detection, historical claims and diagnoses analysis for the health care system

The transition to ICD-10 has significant impacts on how providers will bill for services. The Department of Human Services (the department) has developed Provider Quick Tips offering ICD-10 billing guidance.

The ICD-10 compliance date is October 1, 2015. For outpatient and professional providers, the compliance date is based on the date of service. For institutional/inpatient service providers, the compliance date is based on the date of discharge. It is important to note that the compliance date is based on when the service is provided and not the date a claim is submitted.

Claims with ICD-9 codes will be accepted after October 1, 2015, but only for services provided with dates of service or dates of discharge of September 30, 2015 and before. All claims with dates of service or dates of discharge of 9/30/2015 and before require ICD-9 codes. All claims with dates of service or dates of discharge of 10/1/2015 and later require ICD-10 codes. Claims submitted with incorrect code set for the date of service/date of discharge will deny.

For additional ICD-10 information and available provider training resources please visit the CMS ICD-10 Website. The Provider Resources section of the website has helpful fact sheets, checklists, timelines, and other resources to help practices transition to ICD-10. Keep up to date on ICD-10 by visiting the department’s dedicated web page at the following link:

www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P_012571

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