

ICD-10 Effective October 1, 2015 – Will You Be Ready?

On April 1, President Obama signed into law a bill that delays the implementation of ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes. The legislation states that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) cannot adopt the ICD-10 code set as the standard until at least Oct. 1, 2015.

Key points for our provider community:

- We encourage you to continue preparing for the change to ICD-10. If you haven't started yet, resources are available. CMS and AMA have published task lists to be used in preparing; links are provided in the "Industry Resources" box on this page. We have also listed some first steps to use as a guide for getting started. See box below.
- Complete our ICD-10 readiness survey if you have not already done so. Completing the survey will provide insight into what physician practices need to do to implement ICD-10 and will give NAMM-CA valuable information to use in determining how we can best support our provider community.
- NAMM-CA is committed to supporting your training needs. To ensure that training is timely and relevant, we are reassessing the timing of both the online and in-person training sessions. We will share this information at a later date.
- NAMM-CA is continuing to prepare for ICD-10 implementation. We will be ready by compliance date.

ICD-10 Readiness Survey

There is still time to take the survey!

This survey is designed to assess physician practice ICD-10 readiness in key areas. The survey will assist your practice in determining how well you are prepared while providing NAMM with information needed to deliver timely and relevant support.

[Take Survey Now](#)

NOTE: This survey is for NAMM contracted providers only.

Tools

ICD-9/ICD-10 Crosswalk

<https://icd10codelookup.smartbaselink.com/>

AAPC ICD-9 to ICD-10 Crosswalk by Specialty

Free download of .pdf crosswalking the top 50 ICD-9 codes by specialty (limited specialties available)

<http://www.aapc.com/ICD-10/crosswalks/pdf-documents.aspx>

Haven't started yet? Here are previously published first steps . . .

- Complete NAMM's ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey on NAMMNet provider portal
- Review the final ICD-10 Rule @ http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/10a_Statute/Regulations.asp
- Designate an ICD-10 point person in your office and establish your communication plan
- Identify those who will need ICD-10 training in your office (providers, billers, coders)
- Make a list of all systems and forms that will be impacted by ICD-10 (EMR, superbills, etc.)
- Make a list of any business processes that may need to be modified as a result of ICD-10
- Develop a budget for costs related to ICD-10 implementation, including expenses for system changes, software updates, resource materials (including ICD-10 coding books) and training.
- Communicate with your vendors regarding ICD-10 implementation

Industry Resources

CMS – ICD-10 Home Page

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html>

CMS – eHealth University

<http://www.cms.gov/eHealth/eHealthUniversity.html>

CMS – ICD-10 Basics for Medical Practices

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/ICD10BasicsforPractices20140819.pdf>

CMS – Talking to Your Vendors About ICD-10: Tips for Medical Practices

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/ICD10TalkingtoVendorforMedicalPractices.pdf>

CMS – FAQs: ICD-10 Transition Basics

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/downloads/ICD10MedicalPracticesBasics20100409.pdf>

AMA – ICD-10 Home Page

www.ama-assn.org/go/ICD-10

OptumInsight – ICD-10 Home Page

<http://www.optum.com/icd-10-topic.html>