



**ICD-10 (International Statistical Classification of
Diseases and Related Health Problems; Version 10)**

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Background on ICD-10:

- 1. ICD is a Medical Classification that provides codes to classify diseases and a wide variety of signs, symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances, and external causes of injury or disease**
- 2. History:**
 - A. USA has been on ICD-9 since 1977**
 - B. ICD began in 1893 by French physician Jacques Bertillon and adopted in USA in 1898 and in use by 1900**
 - C. World Health Organization assumed responsibility for the coding system in 1948**
 - D. England has been on since 1995 and Canada has been on since 2000. They are both converting to ICD-11 at this time**

Time Lines:

- 1. January 1, 2012, all providers must be in full compliance with all payers on HIPAA 5010. Level 1 compliance should be completed in 2010 and 2011 and submission of 4010 and 5010 transactions must take place in 2011**
- 2. January 1, 2012 only HIPAA 5010 transactions will be accepted**
- 3. October 1, 2013 all code sets for all covered entities must be submitted under ICD-10 codes**

Points of Interest:

- 1. Going from ICD-9 to ICD-10 means going from 17,000, 3 to 5 digit numeric codes to 155,000, 3 to 7 alpha numeric codes. (a factor of 10)**
- 2. Given the wide spread expansion in the 10th revision of ICD-10 codes it is not possible to convert ICD-9 data sets directly into ICD-10 data sets, although a few great consultants and some very good tools are available to help guide users in this effort**
- 3. Going from ICD-9 Procedure Codes means going from 3,768 numeric codes to almost 73,000 alpha-numeric procedure codes**
- 4. CPT and HCPCS codes will continue to be used in all ambulatory settings**
- 5. Comparisons between countries like Canada and other primarily singular payer systems and the USA which has many payer systems and many more procedure codes is problematic**
- 6. Various ICD-10 “experts” champion benefits and opportunities but *timelines, challenges, risks and potential losses* need very careful oversight and consideration**
- 7. Vendors will not take care of all your needs for ICD-10**
- 8. Significant negative impact can and probably will occur with coding errors to Third Party Payers**
- 9. At this point in time, time is not on your side**

Departments Impacted by Change:

- 1. Medical Records (HIM)**
- 2. Business Office or Revenue Cycle**
- 3. Information Systems**
- 4. Medical Staff and Clinical Care Departments**
- 5. Others (All departments and managers that use or manage ICD information)**

Typical Oversight Committee Make up:

- 1. Selected Member from “C” Suite (often COO)**
- 2. Medical Records**
- 3. Business Office**
- 4. Information Systems**
- 5. Member of Medical Staff (often CMIO)**
- 6. An Information Systems Analyst (often a consultant)**

Significant Efforts:

- 1. ICD-10 Awareness training**
- 2. Discussions and understanding with all Third Party Payer contracting and Coordination and Testing**
- 3. Review and changes to all systems interfaces**
- 4. Review and changes to all Vendor Systems that pass or use ICD codes**
- 5. Education and Training for all ICD Coders**
- 6. Identification and changes to all relevant applications and new systems or products**
- 7. Review of any critical systems or data bases not supported by Information Systems**
- 8. Consideration and effort for all changes to protocol, policies, procedures, work flow, personal assignments, process redesign, forms and reports**
- 9. System and sub-system testing and other issues that surface**

Risks:

- 1. Revenue Loss**
- 2. Revenue Cycle Degradation**
- 3. Missed Benefits**
- 4. Inaccurate Metrics & External Reporting**
- 5. Potential Loss of Contracts**
- 6. Dissatisfied Physicians & Clinical Staff**
- 7. Decreased Productivity with “Infected” Staff**
- 8. Cost Overruns**
- 9. Loss of Confidence in Management**

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