The Transition to ICD-10

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Topics to Be Covered

• ICD-10 compliance date
• ICD-10 overview
• Why the transition to ICD-10
• Making the switch to ICD-10
• CMS resources and implementation tools
• Key takeaways

Compliance Date

• The compliance deadline for ICD-10-CM and PCS is October 1, 2014.

ICD-10 DEADLINE
OCT 1, 2014
Overview of ICD-10

- ICD-10 CM/PCS consists of two parts:
  - ICD-10-CM for **diagnosis coding** in all health care settings
  - ICD-10-PCS for **inpatient procedure coding** in hospital settings
- CPT coding for outpatient and office procedures is **not** affected by the ICD-10 transition

ICD-10-CM

ICD-10-CM replaces ICD-9-CM for diagnosis coding:
- ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes = 3 to 5 digits
- ICD-10-CM codes = 3 to 7 digits
- Overall format of ICD-10 diagnosis codes similar to ICD-9

ICD-10 PCS

ICD-10-PCS replaces ICD-9-CM inpatient procedure coding:
- ICD-9-CM procedure codes = 3 to 4 numeric digits
- ICD-10-PCS codes = 7 alphanumeric digits
- ICD-10-PCS code format substantially different from ICD-9
- Unlike ICD-9, ICD-10 expands details for many conditions
Why ICD-10

• ICD-10 better reflects current medical practice and provides more specific data than ICD-9
  – ICD-10-CM:
    • Describes left vs. right, initial vs. subsequent encounter, routine vs. delayed healing and nonunion vs. malunion
  – ICD-10-PCS:
    • Provides detailed information on procedures and distinct codes for all types of devices
• Structure accommodates addition of new codes
  – The current coding system is running out of capacity and cannot accommodate future state of health care

ICD-10, Health Care Data

ICD-10 codes will provide better data. This will allow:
• Better analysis of disease patterns
• Improved public health tracking
• Better detection of fraud and abuse
• Identification of specific reasons for patient non-compliance
• Detailed data on injuries, accidents

ICD-10, Health Care Data

Data captured through ICD-10 codes will also allow:
• Tracking health care-associated conditions
• Specification of procedures by degree of difficulty
• Alignment with electronic health records
Making the Switch to ICD-10

Planning, Communication, Assessment

Actions to Take Immediately
- Create ICD-10 project team or identify ICD-10 coordination manager for your practice
- Communicate with internal staff and physicians as well as payers, other business partners
- Perform assessment to determine how the transition to ICD-10 will affect your practice
- Evaluate vendors
- Develop ICD-10 plan
- Estimate budget and timeline

Evaluating Vendors

Key steps for vendor evaluation:
- Identify your current vendors
- Contact vendors to determine whether they are on target to meet the transition deadline, or to find out how they will help you meet the deadline
- Assess whether you want or need to develop new vendor relationships
- Evaluate your current vendor or new vendor by asking key questions (about mapping between ICD-9 and ICD-10, training, costs for updates, dual coding, etc.)
Preparation

- Install software
- Conduct testing within your organization
- Update forms and superbill
- Coordinate with payers on payment contracts
- Arrange staff training on software and upcoming process changes
- Develop plan to minimize potential disruptions

“Go-Live” Preparation

**Timeframe: October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014**

- Test with payers and other business partners
- Provide training for staff responsible for coding (6-9 months before deadline)
- Start using ICD-10 codes for services provided on or after **October 1, 2014**
- Review effects of ICD-10 on practice activities and make adjustments as needed

CMS ICD-10 Implementation Tools and Resources
To sign up:

1. Go to: http://cms.gov/icd10
2. Select “CMS ICD-10 Industry Email Updates” from the left navigation bar
3. Click on “Sign up for update messages”
CMS ICD-10 Fact Sheets

Implementation Materials

Medscape Modules on ICD-10

- Two video lectures
  - ICD-10: A Guide for Large Practices
- Expert article
  - Transition to ICD-10: Getting Started
Key Takeaways

• ICD-10 will provide better data for evaluating and improving the quality of patient care
• Organizations should be taking steps now to prepare for ICD-10
• Visit the CMS ICD-10 website for information and resources on ICD-10
• Sign up for ICD-10 Email Updates

Questions?

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