

# ICD-10 >> February 2014 (updated September 2014) Provider Q+A

The health care industry is preparing for monumental changes as it transitions toward implementing the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, also known as **ICD-10**.

## > I am a service provider. Am I affected?

This question has been asked by a variety of providers, including ancillary service providers, such as transportation providers and waiver providers.

The answer is straightforward. All providers required to include ICD-9 codes on claims will be required to use ICD-10 codes beginning with the date of service or date of discharge of October 1, 2015. This includes ancillary service providers. Providers such as dental and pharmacy services that are not required to include ICD-9 codes today will not be required to include ICD-10 codes after implementation.

## > Will the compliance date be extended?

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services released a final rule that includes the new ICD-10 compliance date of 10/1/2015. This final rule implements section 212 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 by changing the compliance date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) from 10/1/2014 to 10/1/2015.

It also requires the continued use of the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, Volumes 1 and 2 (diagnoses), and 3 (procedures) (ICD-9-CM) through September 30, 2015. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2014 and is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-04/pdf/2014-18347.pdf>.

## > Who defines the ICD-10 codes?

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines diagnosis codes for international use and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) defines diagnosis codes for use in the United States. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) defines ICD-10-PCS (inpatient procedure codes) for use in the United States.

## > Are a list of ICD-10 codes & mapping information available?

Mapping ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes is addressed in CMS' GEMs publications available on the CMS website: [www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10). Many code maps may be accessed online by searching for "ICD-10 codes." Please keep in mind mapping from ICD-9 to ICD-10 is not always one-to-one. Additionally, the Medicaid claims payment systems will not automatically map an ICD-9 coded claim to ICD-10. It is your responsibility to submit the appropriate code based on the date of service or date of discharge. Claims may not contain a combination of ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes; individual claims may only contain one code set.

## > What ICD-10 codes should I use?

As with ICD-9, ICD-10 codes are derived from documentation in the medical record. The ICD-10 coding manuals do not address specialty service codes separately. Specialty service codes are included with all other diagnosis codes, and are not labeled by specialty. If you are a service provider, you must research the codes that will apply to your business. If another provider supplies your ICD-10 codes, you must ensure those providers are ICD-10 compliant. You should consider identifying the most commonly utilized ICD-9 codes in your office and determine the correlating ICD-10 codes. CMS and many national provider associations have published ICD-10 resources to assist providers with this task. You may want to seek the advice of a professional coder.

## > I use a Trading Partner/Clearinghouse/Billing Service. What do I need to do?

You need to ensure your vendors will be ready to accommodate ICD-10. You may want to consider sending test claims to ensure their readiness. You should contact your Trading Partner/Clearinghouse/Billing Service directly to determine their readiness and potential for testing with them.

question & answer information  
provided by these partners:



## > I use an Electronic Health Record (EHR)/ Practice Management system. What do I need to do?

Contact the vendor that supports your system to ensure they have updated, or will be updating, the system to accommodate ICD-10.

## > It is current practice in the addictions treatment and mental health fields for clinicians to use the DSM for diagnosing. Can these clinicians continue their current practice and use the DSM diagnostic criteria after 10/1/15?

Yes. However, neither DSM-IV nor DSM-5 is a HIPAA-mandated code set and therefore may not be used in HIPAA-standard transactions. Clinicians may continue to base their diagnostic decisions using the DSM criteria, but those codes must be translated to an appropriate ICD-10-CM code(s) when billing Ohio Medicaid. See the January 2014 Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services e-Update ICD-10-CM article on page 4 for additional information: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Portals/0/assets/News/eUpdates/eUpdateJanuary2014.pdf>.

## > Will Medicaid conduct ICD-10 testing?

Yes. ODM is currently conducting end-to-end testing with Trading Partners/Clearinghouses for EDI transactions. Providers that use the ODM Web-Portal to submit claims will continue to submit claims the way they do today, but with updated ICD-10 codes. Web-Portal testing will be done by the internal ODM Testing team.

Each of the Managed Care Plans (Plans) has developed its own test plans. Each plan will communicate directly with providers selected for testing. If selected, you should receive a communication from the Plan as noted here:

<b>Aetna:</b>	Quarter 1, 2015
<b>Buckeye:</b>	Quarter 1, 2015
<b>CareSource:</b>	Quarter 1, 2015
<b>Molina:</b>	Currently Testing
<b>Paramount:</b>	Quarter 2, 2015
<b>UnitedHealthcare:</b>	Quarter 2-3, 2015

## > What is the cost of non-compliance?

While no penalty will be assessed by Ohio Medicaid, the penalty for lack of preparedness is inherent; your claims cannot process and will deny or reject. Also, consider the cost of recoding and resubmitting claims that have denied or rejected because of incorrect coding – whether done by your office or through a Clearinghouse/Billing Service.

## > How can I get updates from Medicaid?

ODM and the Plans have a variety of resources available to communicate ICD-10 information to the provider community.

- » ICD-10 resources, information, and updates are published online: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS/Billing/ICD10.aspx>
- » A link to each Plan's webpage is on the ODM ICD-10 webpage. Each Plan has additional resources available for their provider networks. Talk to your provider representative about your questions.
- » ODM provides updates to many of the provider associations in the state and has requested they forward information to their members. ODM also provides updates during provider associations' regularly scheduled meetings.
- » ODM provides updates to the Clearinghouses/ Trading Partners/Billing Services and has requested they forward information to their customers.
- » Alerts are posted on the ODM web-portal, Medicaid Remittance Advices, and each Plan's webpage.

## > Are online training resources available?

There are many organizations that provide formal ICD-10 training. For example, CMS offers Medscape Education modules for providers and staff. You must register with Medscape to access these modules. Physicians and nurses can earn continuing medical education (CME) and continuing education (CE) credits for completing these modules. For others, a certificate of module completion is available. Topics include:

- » Transition to ICD-10: Getting Started
- » ICD-10: A Roadmap for Small Clinical Practices
- » ICD-10: Small Practice Guide to a Smooth Transition
- » ICD-10: A Guide for Small and Medium Practices
- » ICD-10: A Guide for Large Practice