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Subject: ICD-10 Implementation in Ohio

NOTICE

In 2009, the federal government announced that it would require all state Medicaid programs to become ICD-10 compliant by October 1, 2014. ICD-10 code sets will replace the ICD-9 code sets currently used in reporting medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures. This transition is required of all providers and payors under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The conversion to ICD-10 will present a number of benefits to Ohio Medicaid and its partners, including:

- enhanced code specificity;
- greater accuracy in data analytics and reporting;
- an improved ability to measure the quality of health services;
- the ability to identify various populations for targeted outreach and case management.

We are currently hard at work preparing for next year's ICD-10 implementation, and we are on-track to meet the federal government's deadline of October 1, 2014. Ohio Medicaid is working directly with a series of industry stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition to the new code set. From now until next year's target date, you can expect a series of updates and information that will help you to prepare for Ohio Medicaid's ICD-10 conversion.

For further information on Ohio's pursuit of ICD-10 readiness, I encourage you to visit our ICD-10 web page at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/ICD10/Index.stm> or consult your respective provider association.

Should you have any immediate questions concerning ICD -10, please direct them to lcd10questions@medicaid.ohio.gov so that we can answer them in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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