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New ICD-10 Final Rule Released

On 4 August 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a Final Rule to the Federal Register establishing 1 October 2015 as the compliance date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) code set. The Final Rule also requires continued use of the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision (ICD-9) through 30 September 2015. These regulations are effective 30 days after publication to the Federal Register. Providers, insurance companies, and others in the healthcare industry can now focus their efforts on the finalized deadline and concentrate on moving toward industry readiness together for 1 October 2015.

Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Recognizes Industry Apprehension

The Final Rule addresses the many interpretations of section 212 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) and the apprehension in the industry due to the uncertainty. This HHS Final Rule finalizes 1 October 2015 as the ICD-10 compliance date and stakeholders may now move forward with business and implementation decisions with a renewed commitment.

What Does this Mean for the Military Health System (MHS)?

The Final Rule highlights the need to preserve momentum and minimize implementation costs. Thus, CMS established the shortest delay permitted by law, which is one year. The confirmation of the new compliance date allows us time to prepare for a successful ICD-10 implementation. We (within the MHS) now need to move forward with remaining ICD-10 transition activities in systems, training, forms and publications, and purchased care to meet this new timeline. Systems software is on track to be ICD-10 ready, but not in use by 1 October 2014. Clinical documentation improvement (CDI) programs are taking off, training is moving forward, and any needs for regression testing plans are in the works.

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Days Remaining to
ICD-10 Conversion
As of 8/1/2014

Upcoming Events

2014 Annual Clinical Coding Meeting

August 27-28, 2014
San Diego, CA

<http://www.wynjade.com/ahima14/register.cfm>

86th AHIMA Convention & Exhibit

September 27-
October 2, 2014
San Diego, CA

<http://www.wedi.org/for/ms/meeting/MeetingForPublic/view?id=4EDB40000100>

ICD-10 Documentation Training for Physicians

3-hour online course offered by medical specialty

<http://www.aapc.com/ICD-10/ICD-10-physician-documentation.aspx>

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