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You are here: 1 Year to go!



We are now moving past 1 October 2014 and breaking into the final year leading to ICD-10. Many are still skeptical of the new deadline and weary to begin preparation. A recent survey on the level of preparedness reveals much of industry has a long way to go before implementation. The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is stressing that 1 October 2015 is the final date and it is imperative the industry move toward the new compliance date with renewed commitment. In order to smoothly transition, the MHS understands it is important to prepare early and take the appropriate steps in the upcoming year.

1 October 2014: Where does the industry stand?

Recent studies have highlighted the low level of ICD-10 preparedness as we approached 1 October 2014, the previous deadline.¹

Just **11%** of healthcare organizations say they are **fully ready to implement ICD-10**

11%

59%

59% of healthcare organizations say they have **not begun testing**

31%

31% would consider **postponing Meaningful Use Stage 2** incentives to make sure ICD-10 is successful because there are significant concerns over available resources

Two of the major industry themes are apprehension over the new deadline and concerns over resources as many implementations begin to overlap. CMS insists 1 October 2015 is final and highlights the need to preserve momentum and minimize implementation costs in the upcoming year. In contrast, the MHS has completed our simulated end-to-end testing of Direct Care systems; software changes are being deployed and loaded; and functional user training is progressing.

365

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

Upcoming Events

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM: Building Expert Trainers for Diagnosis Coding

Nov 17-18, 2014
Chicago, IL

<https://www.ahimastore.org/ProductDetailMeeting.aspx?ProductID=17539>

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

Dec 1-3, 2014
Las Vegas, NV

<https://www.ahimastore.org/ProductDetailMeeting.aspx?ProductID=17537>

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>

**Note that the links above are provided as informational resources only and do not constitute an endorsement of any non-Government site or entity.*

¹ Hall, Susan D. "Survey Finds Lack of Preparedness for ICD-10." FierceHealthIT. N.p., 5 Sept. 2014. Web. <http://www.fiercehealthit.com/story/survey-finds-lack-preparedness-icd-10/2014-09-05?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=rss>.

What should you be doing in the upcoming year?

On and immediately after 1 October “2014”, everyone needs to watch to ensure ICD-9 usage continues as normal and that ICD-10 changes do not yet take effect. Experts are also urging the industry to use this extra year to further minimize any impacts of the transition, continue training, and increase testing. The MHS is moving forward with these activities to keep momentum up and ensure a smooth ICD-10 transition.



Project Management

The delay of ICD-10 to 1 October 2015 poses new risks and challenges as multiple other healthcare initiatives may now occur concurrently. This increases the need to better manage implementation, resource allocation, and stakeholder communication related to functional usage, system upgrades, testing, and training. Since 2011, the DHA maintained an active ICD-10 IPT consisting of representatives with functional and technical perspectives from across MHS. Under the IPT, sub-workgroups focus on Requirements and Testing, Training and Communication, Purchased Care, and Forms and Publications. At the IPT level, outcome goals are defined, and risks are reported and managed to increase communication, teamwork, and transparency for efficient and effective work toward the MHS transition to ICD-10.

Workforce Training

Ensuring FY15 just in time training and the possibility of medical coders and providers forgetting material during the delay of ICD-10 are concerns to address. Experts are stressing education should not be delayed. The upcoming year is an opportunity to focus training on Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) and continued practice with ICD-10. CDI is a hot topic and at the core of every patient encounter. Thus, CDI should be accurate, timely, and reflect the scope of services provided in order to translate into quality report cards, provider report cards, reimbursement, public health data, and disease tracking and trending. DHA and the Services are continuing with 3M online training and are updating their training plans to include sustainment training and CDI programs.

Testing

Collaboration helps to ensure universal preparedness, and involves support, outreach, and testing with internal and external business partners. Successful testing includes assessing MHS to ensure ICD-10 is accommodated, testing the changes in internal systems, and testing with external trading partners to confirm preparedness and interoperability. DHA conducted ICD-10 End-to-End testing to verify business processes work as functionally required under ICD-10 and ICD-9 functionality continues through September 2015.



KNOWLEDGE BITE

ICD-10 Spotlight: Character 5

The fifth character of the ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) sections 0-4, 7, 8, and 9 defines approach. Approach indicates the technique used to reach the procedure site and the instrumentation used to visualize the procedure site.²

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Or visit <http://www.tricare.mil/tma/hipaa>.

²Jones, Lolita M. "ICD-10-PCS CHARACTER ANALYSIS: Test Your Knowledge of Character 5 – Approach." ICD10 Monitor. N.p., 8 Sept. 2014. Web. <<http://www.ficd10monitor.com/Fenews/Fitem/F1268-icd-10-pcs-character-analysis-test-your-knowledge-of-character-5-approach>>.