LTC Provider Preparation for ICD-10 Implementation

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The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) code set will replace ICD-9-CM codes that are used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures through Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standard transactions. Previously, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed that the effective date for ICD-10-CM code sets would be October 1, 2013. CMS has now proposed changing this date to October 1, 2014.

ICD-10-CM code set implementation will affect diagnosis coding for all entities that use standard transactions that are identified in HIPAA. Health-care providers, payers, clearinghouses, and billing services must be prepared to comply with the ICD-10-CM code set implementation.

After ICD-10-CM code implementation, Long Term Care (LTC) providers will not be able to use ICD-9-CM codes.

The ICD-10-CM code set implementation will also affect providers as follows:

- Nursing Facility providers will need to align with the federal CMS guidelines for Minimum Data Set (MDS) submission.
- Community Services providers must be prepared to submit the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessment using the new ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes.
- Primary diagnosis codes will be required on the Long Term Care Medicaid Information (LTCMI) section of the MDS submitted on the LTC Online Portal.
- LTC providers will be required to submit ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes on all claims.

Providers should consider the following actions when preparing for ICD-10-CM code set implementation:

- Training and educating staff about the new coding.
- Making software changes required to submit assessments or claims with ICD-10-CM code sets, or meeting with any system vendors and/or clearinghouses you may have regarding changes needed for ICD-10-CM implementation.
- Monitoring any Texas Medicaid policy changes that will be required by ICD-10-CM code sets.

Providers should monitor the ICD-10-CM Implementation page on the TMHP website for updated information as it becomes available.

Additional information is available on the CMS website at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/.