How Will ICD-10 Affect Your Practice?

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Note: This article applies to claims submitted to TMHP for processing. For claims processed by a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO), providers must refer to the MCO for information about benefits, limitations, prior authorizations, and reimbursement.

*International Classification of Disease, 10th Revision* (ICD-10) is scheduled to be implemented October 1, 2014. *International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis and surgical procedure codes will no longer be accepted for dates of service on or after October 1, 2014.

In order to be prepared for the October 1, 2014, ICD-10 transition, providers need to understand how ICD-10 will affect their practices. ICD-10 codes will be used for more than submitting diagnosis codes on claims; ICD codes will be used in a variety of processes within clinical practices, from registration to referrals to billing and payment.

The following is a list of important questions to help providers prepare their practice for the ICD-10 transition:

- **Where do you use ICD-9 codes?** Keep a log of everywhere you see and use an ICD-9 code. If the code is on paper, you will need new forms (CMS-1500 claim forms). If the code is entered or displayed in your computer, check with your electronic health record (EHR) or practice management system vendor to find out when your system will be ready for ICD-10 codes.

- **Will you be able to submit claims?** Providers that use an electronic system for any or all payers will need to know whether the system will be able to accommodate the ICD-10 version of diagnoses and hospital inpatient procedure codes.

- **Will you be able to complete medical records?** Providers that use any type of EHR system will need to determine whether the system will recognize ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

- **How will you code your claims under ICD-10?** Providers that use a code book to look up diagnosis codes will need to purchase the ICD-10 code book in early 2014. Providers should determine which ICD-9 codes are most commonly used in their practice and develop a list of comparable ICD-10 codes.

Providers can refer to the [CMS ICD-10 website](http://www.cms.gov) for the latest news and resources that help providers prepare for the October 1, 2014, deadline.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.