

ICD-10 Taskforce Bulletin

A Newsletter from the NCHICA ICD-10 Taskforce

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ICD-10: Questions to Ask Your Software Vendor

In order to meet the ICD-10 **October 1, 2013** compliance deadline, a significant amount of work must be done well ahead of time by providers, health plans, vendors and other industry stakeholders. Do you know what you should be asking your software vendor to assure that they are on target to meet this deadline, or how their software is going to help you meet the deadline? When asking these questions, your vendor may not have specific answers to all of these questions since many of them may still be in the development phase, but there should be an acute awareness of all of these issues.

Some questions to consider include:

- Do you have dedicated resources assigned to this project within your company? If so, how many?
- Can your system currently handle the new code format to support ICD-10? The new format is expanded to seven alpha-numeric characters (plus decimal position).
- Will adoption of ICD-10 require a software product upgrade for your customers? If so, how will you communicate this to your customers and at what cost?
- When will your customers be able to test ICD-10 capabilities of your software?
- Will your software be able to process both ICD-10 and ICD-9 codes beyond October 1, 2013?
- Will your software have an ICD-9 to ICD-10 crosswalk capability? If so, how will the crosswalk handle the ICD-10 extension codes?
- Will your software have ICD-10 to ICD-9 crosswalk?
- How will your software assist providers with the assignment of ICD-10 codes?

The Importance of the ICD-10 Timeline

*With the transition to ICD-10 not only will you need to be able to report the codes, but you'll also need the right documentation to support the ICD-10 codes. In addition, you need to identify other processes that will change due to this implementation. **The NCHICA/WEDI ICD-10 Timeline** is your resource to assist in ICD-10 planning to ensure you are not behind the curve. Check it out at:*

<http://www.nchica.org/HIPAAResources/timeline.htm>

RED ALERT COUNTDOWN

916 Days

(As of March 29, 2011)

[AHIMA ICD-10 Summit](#)

April 11-12, 2011
Baltimore, MD

[AAPC ICD-10 Boot Camp](#)

May 5, 2011
Winston-Salem, NC

[World Congress Leadership Summit on ICD-10 Implementation](#)

May 23-24, 2011
Vienna, VA

[AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS](#)

June 1-3, 2011, Raleigh, NC

[AHEC ICD-10-CM Training & Implementation Issues for the Physician Office](#)

- June 1, 2011, Winston-Salem, NC
- June 16, 2011, Rocky Mount, NC
- June 30, 2011, Raleigh, NC

[NCHIMA ICD-10 Summit](#)

June 23, 2011, Raleigh, NC

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