

ICD-10 Taskforce Bulletin

A Monthly Newsletter from the NCHICA ICD-10 Taskforce

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RED ALERT: ICD-9 is Being Replaced Time is Running Out!

The United States is the only country in the industrialized world still using older ICD-9 codes for administration and health care delivery. Because the U.S. continues to use version ICD-9, it has difficulty comparing its health service utilization to other countries.

In January 2009, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the final rule adopting ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS as medical data code sets under HIPAA, replacing ICD-9. The final rule requires a compliance date of **October 1, 2013** for ICD-10 adoption. Some stakeholders may think about delaying work on ICD-10 until 2011, however, by doing so, they will find themselves pressed for time to implement the required changes. The NCHICA ICD-10 Taskforce recommends stakeholders begin work now!

The NCHICA-WEDI ICD-10 timeline at <http://www.nchica.org/HIPAAResources/timeline.htm> is an excellent tool to help you spread out cost and planning and to fully consider potential system replacement, modernization, and other optimization strategies. One of the best steps stakeholders can take **now** is to perform an application and business process assessment in order to plan, budget, and schedule activities going forward.

More to Come on ICD-10

Your role as a healthcare professional has never been more important, so what are YOU going to do?

This monthly *ICD-10 Taskforce Bulletin* from the NCHICA ICD-10 Taskforce is the first of many about what you need to know as your organization transitions to ICD-10.

RED ALERT
COUNTDOWN
1,250 Days

(As of April 30, 2010)

Are You a Stakeholder?
You are if you:

- Include diagnostic codes in documentation of patient visits or exams
- Enter diagnosis codes in a practice management system to use on claims
- Prepare and/or submit claims to payers for services rendered
- Perform quality assurance audits or chart reviews
- Receive and post payments for services provided to patients
- Expect to be paid for services you perform

**AS A STAKEHOLDER YOU
WILL BE IMPACTED BY
THE REPLACEMENT OF
ICD-9 WITH ICD-10!**

*NCHICA formed the ICD-10 Taskforce in February 2009 to assist members in their ICD-10 implementation efforts. If you would like additional information, please visit the NCHICA website at www.nchica.org and click on **ICD-10**.*