

# ICD-10 Taskforce Bulletin

A Monthly Newsletter from the NCHICA ICD-10 Taskforce

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## Exploring the Benefits of ICD-10-CM

With the adoption of ICD-10-CM (diagnosis codes), stakeholders will have the chance to realize increased specificity in clinical information that can lead to more accurate and timely reimbursements, better quality of patient care and improved disease and care management.

ICD-10-CM incorporates much greater clinical detail than ICD-9-CM. The terminology and disease classification have been updated to be consistent with current clinical practices. The ICD-10 classification system will provide much better data needed for:

- Measuring the quality, safety and efficacy of care
- Reducing the need for attachments to explain a patient's condition
- Designing payment systems and processing claims for reimbursement
- Conducting research, epidemiological studies, and clinical trials
- Setting health policy
- Performing operational and strategic planning
- Designing health care delivery systems
- Monitoring resource utilization
- Improving clinical, financial and administrative performance
- Preventing and detecting health care fraud and abuse
- Tracking public health and risks

Leveraging the ICD-10 investment will allow organizations to move beyond compliance to achieve competitive advantage. The cost of doing nothing may be greater than implementation. So why delay?

### **Why Should All of This Matter?**

*Isn't it just a simple matter of replacing one code set for another? No, it is not a simple matter! Diagnosis codes and procedure codes permeate almost every business process and system in both plan and provider organizations. Diagnosis codes are key for determining coverage and are used in treatment decisions. From plan design to statistical tracking of disease, these codes are a crucial part of the way we run our programs.*

**RED ALERT  
COUNTDOWN**  
**1,168 Days**

(As of July 20, 2010)

### **ICD-10-CM Training:**

**Gearing Up for ICD-10-CM/PCS  
NCHIMA Coding Round Table  
August 12-13, 2010  
Greenville, NC**

Sponsored by Eastern AHEC and East Carolina University  
Click here for further details:  
<http://www.eahec.ecu.edu/brochures/a30522.pdf>

**ICD-10 Workshop: Understand the Requirement, Achieve Compliance & Deliver a Strategic Advantage!**  
**September 15, 2010  
Greensboro, NC**

Sponsored by NCHICA. Click here for further details:  
<http://www.nchica.org/HIPAAResources/ICD-10/Workshop%20on%20ICD.pdf>

**ICD-10 Implementation  
Bootcamp**

**September 29, 2010  
Greensboro, NC**

Sponsored by AAPC. Click here for further details:  
<http://www.aapc.com/ICD-10/bootcamp.aspx>.

*NCHICA formed the ICD-10 Taskforce in February 2009 to assist members with their ICD-10 implementation efforts. For more information, click here:*  
<http://www.nchica.org/HIPAAResources/icd10.htm>.

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