



ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS — Frequently asked questions for Executives and IT Professionals

Executive questions

Q: What is the current status of ICD-10?

A: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has issued its final rule that the ICD-9-CM code sets be replaced with ICD-10 code sets, effective October 1, 2013.

Q: Why should a healthcare organization be concerned with the ICD-10 transition now when the implementation date isn't until October 2013?

A: Given the potential financial and clinical impact of ICD-10 and the dramatic changes required for information systems, 3M Health Information Systems encourages healthcare organizations to take steps now to understand how to successfully prepare for ICD-10 implementation.

Q: What should I be doing now to prepare my facility for ICD-10?

A: Leaders tasked with preparing a hospital or other healthcare organization for ICD-10 should begin by creating a cross-functional team that can address and prepare for the clinical, financial, data analysis, and information systems needs. HIM directors and coding managers are key catalysts in this team's success.

The cross functional team should be tasked to create a strategy and some objectives around ICD-10 transition for your facility. The team should identify the needs and action plans for the transition, such as: education, information systems inventory and gap analysis, vendor preparation, documentation improvement, resources, financial impact, payer preparation, reports, etc.

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) has published a checklist on preparing for ICD-10 at: <http://www.ahima.org/icd10/icd-10PreparationChecklist.mht>.

3M will also be providing webinars, web updates, and a preparation checklist available at: <http://www.3Mhis.com/ICD-10>.

Q: What areas within a healthcare organization will the new codes impact?

A: The areas that will be impacted by the new codes include, but are not limited to: administration, clinicians, health information management (HIM), patient financial services, information systems, and clinical systems. Thus, a complete assessment of IT systems across the organization in conjunction with a gap analysis and implementation plan are essential.

Hospitals and other healthcare providers will also need to work with their payers so that claims and other health information they share are transmitted using the proper ICD-10 code sets.

Q: Who may need education on ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS in my facility?

A: The groups shown below may need education based on their functional areas.

Group	Type of education
Health information management	Coding structure and rules
Patient financial services	Impact on grouping and payment
Information technology	Interface, internal systems and database impact
Clinicians	Proper documentation to capture specificity of ICD-10
Compliance staff	Coding structure and rules; proper documentation; impact on compliance areas
Accounting and finance	Impact on reporting, cost accounting, grouping and payment
Auditors	Impact on reporting, cost accounting, grouping and payment
Consultants	Impact on reporting, cost accounting, grouping and payment
Quality management	Impact on reporting, databases and cost accounting
Utilization management	Proper documentation to capture specificity of ICD-10; impact on reporting and databases
Patient registration	Proper documentation; impact on medical necessity and POA
Ancillary departments	Proper documentation to capture specificity of ICD-10
Researchers	Impact on reporting; proper documentation to capture ICD-10 specificity

IT professional questions

Q: What is the electronic transaction standard version 5010 and how is that related to ICD-10?

A: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final ruling for the transition from version 4010 to version 5010 that will be effective January 2012 in order to prepare for the implementation of ICD-10 on October 1, 2013.

The electronic transaction standard version 5010 is the new standard for submitting electronic claims. It was adopted because the current version 4010 does not:

- Allow for capturing ICD-10 codes
- Have a separate field for reporting the present on admission (POA) indicator
- Separate fields for reporting admit diagnosis, principal diagnosis and E codes

The CMS website provides information on the new 5010 standard at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/TransactionCodeSetsStands/02_TransactionsandCodeSetsRegulations.asp.

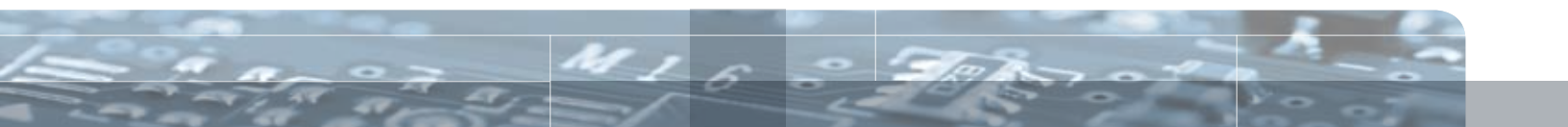
Q: What are the first steps in preparing for ICD-10?

A: The first steps are:

- Assess each system that currently holds an ICD-9-CM code. Inventory paper-based systems, databases and decision support systems.
- Evaluate the interfaces between code entry in the HIM department and electronic billing of the UB-04.
- Determine if the ability to retain both ICD-9-CM codes and ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS is necessary by performing activities such as:
 - Researching data
 - Trending clinical data and comprehensive clinical studies
 - Performing case mix analysis
 - Reviewing financial information connected with reimbursement
 - Interacting with all vendors to determine if each one is planning to provide a system update for new code sets

Q: What is the code structure IT professionals will have to adjust to for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS?

A: ICD-10-CM valid codes can be three to seven alphanumeric characters. ICD-10-PCS has a seven-character alphanumeric code structure.



3M product questions

Q: Will my 3M software be ready for ICD-10?

A: Yes. All 3M software will be ICD-10 ready by implementation in October 2013. In fact, 3M already has coding products in use internationally in countries using ICD-10 such as Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. To help with preparation for the U.S. implementation, there will be added references, services, and functionality in the software well in advance of the October 2013 date.

For example, 3M™ Codefinder™ Software customers received an ICD-10 comparison tool a full 30 months prior to implementation. This tool allows a user to see the equivalent ICD-10-CM/PCS code(s) for an ICD-9-CM code listed on the Coding Summary screen.

Q: Will we be able to get software that can be used for testing in advance of implementation?

A: Yes. “ICD-10 ready” 3M products will be delivered well in advance of October 2013, so you will have the necessary time for planning, implementing, and testing your systems and processes, as well as training your personnel.

ICD-10 capable products will be available for testing well in advance of October 2013. Production-ready products will be ready at least three months prior to the implementation date.

Q: What other resources from 3M will help me to prepare for ICD-10?

A: 3M will offer free webinars to provide education and updates on ICD-10. 3M Consulting Services can also assist you with ICD-10 knowledge transfer, systems/data analysis, documentation process reviews, and assessing ICD-10 readiness. Meanwhile, please visit and bookmark the 3M website, www.3Mhis.com/ICD-10, where ICD information and updates will be regularly posted.

General questions

Q: What code set does ICD-10-CM define?

A: ICD-10-CM defines the code set used to report inpatient and outpatient **diagnoses**.

Q: What code set does ICD-10-PCS define?

A: ICD-10-PCS (Procedure Coding System) defines the code set used to report inpatient **procedures**.

Q: Why are there two code sets, ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, when there was only one for ICD-9-CM?

A: In ICD-9-CM, the methodology for assigning a diagnosis code is the same process as assigning a procedure code. ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS use different methodologies for assigning codes.

Q: What are the reasons for moving from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS?

A: The ICD-9-CM code set is simply running out of space for new codes. Without room for expansion, new codes cannot be created to accurately represent new diagnoses and procedures. This impacts everyone who relies on coded data, from payers and providers to researchers at all levels in private and public organizations. ICD-10 will provide room for expansion, and the codes are much more precise in identifying diagnoses and procedures.

Q: Where can I learn more about ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS?

A: Information is readily available on the Internet:

- The ICD-10 final rule is available at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-743.pdf>
- National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/icd9/icd10cm.htm>
- CMS website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD10/>
- AHIMA website: <http://www.ahima.org/icd10>
- 3M Health Information Systems website: <http://www.3Mhis.com/ICD-10>

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