Preparing for ICD-10

Effective October 1, 2015, all health care providers will switch to the use of ICD-10 for medical coding.

How does the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code set differ from the ICD-9-CM?

• The code set has been expanded from five positions (first one alphanumeric, others numeric) to seven positions. The codes use alphanumeric characters in all positions, not just the first position as in ICD-9.
• As of the latest ICD-10 version, there are 68,000 existing codes vs. 13,000 in ICD-9.
• The new code set provides a significant increase in the specificity of the reporting, allowing more information to be conveyed in a code.
• The terminology has been modernized and has been made consistent throughout the code set.
• There are codes that are a combination of diagnoses and symptoms, so that fewer codes need to be reported to fully describe a condition.
• ICD-10 enables reporting of laterality (right vs. left designations), reflecting the importance of which side of the body or limb (e.g., left arm, left kidney, left eye) is the subject of the evaluation.

There are many resources available to assist our programs and our partner hospitals to prepare for this new coding. Enter ICD-10 in the search box at cms.gov to get access to the wide array of CMS resources.

Here’s a sampling from CMS:

Get Ready Now with the New CMS Quick Start Guide!

While ICD-10 is almost here, you still have time to get ready. But you must get ready now.

Quick Start Guide: 1) Make a Plan, 2) Train Your Staff, 3) Update Your Processes, 4) Talk with Your Vendors and Health Plans, and 5) Test Your Systems and Processes.

• Identify everywhere in your practice that you use ICD-9 codes to make sure you know what processes and systems need to be updated for ICD-10; for example:
  • Patient registration and scheduling
  • Clinical documentation/health records
  • Referrals and authorizations
  • Order entry
  • Coding
  • Billing
  • Reporting and analysis
• For a more in-depth approach to planning, see the Action Plan section of the Road to 10
YouTube videos links are available in RediLearning. Please go to RediLearning > My DocBox > Required Training and launch the document titled *KHRS Introduction to ICD-10 Coding*. This is for all staff and should be completed prior to 8/15/2015. (Upon launching the document and links, 90 minutes credit will be received in LMS.)

Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Services (KHRS) will be providing online training resources and webinar presentations that will provide more specific ICD-10 training for our treatment settings, particularly related to the IRF setting. The trainings to be provided will ensure all staff have a thorough understanding of ICD-10 and are well prepared for the implementation.

**KHRS Resources**

**Elsevier On-Line ICD-10 modules** – specific modules will be assigned based on roles (Physician, Coder, Therapist, Nurse, etc.)

**Timeline**

7/20/15-9/30/15 completion with ongoing availability

**KHRS IRF - ICD-10 RIC –Based Webinars – 4 separate topical calls**

Offered 9:00 and 12:00 EST each day

#1 7/20 and 7/23
#2 8/10 and 8/14
#3 8/24 and 8/28
#4 9/07 and 9/11

**eRehab Webinars (IRF) (there is a charge for each eRehab webinar)**

**IRF-PPS ICD-10 Coding Concepts Webinar**

7/23/15 1:00 PM EDT

To register for this webinar, login to eRehabData and go to Info/Links, then Clinical Training Webinars, and scroll down to find the latest entry.

**ICD-10 Coding For The IRF-PPS**

Three-Part Instructional Webinar Series Coming In August

Watch [eRehabData.com](http://eRehabData.com) for the official announcement! In the meantime, save these dates:

- **Part I—Stroke and Non-Traumatic Brain Injuries** 8/4/15-11-12:30 EDT
- **Part II—Traumatic Brain Injuries, Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction, Multiple Trauma and Amputation** 8/11/15–11-12:30 EDT
- **Part III—Orthopedic Conditions, Neurologic Conditions, Amputation and 60% rule compliance** 8/18/15-11-12:30 EDT

Please share this information with your teams and with our partner hospital personnel so they are aware of our planning and preparation for ICD-10.