



ICD-10 Go-Live October 1, 2015

FHN and CCAI are preparing for the ICD-10 conversion, are YOU?

ICD -10 is fast approaching. The deadline for the ICD-10 conversion is October 1, 2015. Family Health Network (FHN) and Community Care Alliance of Illinois (CCAI) are working on our ICD-10 projects to ensure that our systems, processes, policies, and business partners are ready for October 1, 2015. We will follow guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). We are working closely with our business partners in preparation for the ICD-10 go-live.

As you know, ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicaid or Medicare claims. We are evaluating the impact of ICD-10 on our contracting and clinical operations, and we are committed to making the transition to ICD-10 successful across all health care delivery systems.

Will FHN and CCAI use a crosswalk for claims processing?

No. As of October 1, 2015 date of service, standard transactions must be submitted with ICD-10 codes. After this date, we will only process claims submitted with ICD-9 codes for dates of service (outpatient) or dates of discharge (inpatient) prior to October 1, 2015.

What does this mean to you?

By law, you must be compliant. Otherwise, your claim will be denied and you will not receive payment. It is also your responsibility to submit claims in the state mandated HIPAA format.

How are we preparing for the ICD-10 implementation?

FHN and CCAI continue to align our ICD-10 implementation planning with the CMS timeline for ICD-10 readiness. We will work with the health care industry to build awareness and share information to ensure a successful transition. In addition, we are developing a plan to account for business impacts, systems design, internal and external testing, medical policy updates, and training that relates to ICD-10 compliance.

What can you do?

Please initiate conversations with your vendors to ensure they have fully functional, compliant products and services ready for thorough ICD-10 testing. We highly recommend that you contact your clinical software vendors for information on their ICD-10 conversion and testing plans. To help you avoid potential reimbursement issues and revenue cycle impacts, providers should also look closely at their billing claims vendors to determine ICD-10 readiness and begin testing. We will continue to provide information from CMS and HFS to communicate testing timelines. For more information on the ICD-10 implementation, visit our websites at www.fhnchicago.com or www.ccaillinois.com. For questions, please contact Eric Allen, project manager for ICD-10 implementation, at eallen@myfhn.com or 312.605.9858.

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