

# *International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision, Readiness*

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# Objectives

Following this training, providers will be able to:

- Know the background on ICD-10.
- Have the timeline for implementation of ICD-10.
- Understand the differences in ICD-10 code sets.
- Know the CMS ICD-10 resources.
- Know ForwardHealth's ICD-10 resources.
- Identify who the stakeholders are.
- Understand how ForwardHealth is communicating with stakeholders.
- Have an overview of ForwardHealth's ICD-10 testing.

## Background

- The CMS announced that all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996-covered entities implement the *International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-10-CM) and *International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision, Procedure Coding System* (ICD-10-PCS) code sets by **October 1, 2015**.
- The ICD-10 codes will replace the current *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) codes.
- The ICD-10-CM codes will be the diagnosis code set for use in U. S. health care settings.
- The ICD-10-PCS codes will be the procedure code set for use in U.S. inpatient hospital settings only.
- *Current Procedural Terminology* codes are *not* impacted by the ICD-10 mandate and will continue to be used for office and outpatient services.

## Compliance Timelines

In response to the mandate, ForwardHealth, which encompasses BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, Wisconsin Medicaid, Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program, and Wisconsin Well Woman Program, will require ICD-10 diagnosis codes and procedure codes to be indicated, when applicable, on claim and prior authorization (PA) request submissions with dates (dates of service [DOS], dates of discharge, requested start dates, etc.) on and after October 1, 2015.



# Code Set Differences

The ICD-10 code set is different from the ICD-9 code set.

ICD-9	ICD-10
Primarily numeric.	Alphanumeric.
Three to five digits.	Three to seven characters.
	Reflects present day clinical understanding.
	Reflects technological developments of medicine
	Additional specificity for diagnosis.
	Code descriptions provide a more consistent level of detail.

## Which ICD-10 code do I use?

- Providers should use the most specific diagnosis code for a member's condition.
- ForwardHealth will enforce validity of ICD-10 diagnosis codes (i.e., the highest number of characters required by the code set) for all claim and PA request submissions.
- Recently, CMS issued clarification on specificity that indicated Medicare will relax specificity requirements for automated medical review or complex medical record review during the first 12 months after ICD-10 implementation. ForwardHealth does not perform automated medical review or complex medical record review. Therefore this concept does not apply to Medicaid.

## Code Descriptions

ICD code descriptions between the code sets are different; therefore, it is recommended that stakeholders translate ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 codes. For example, ForwardHealth is using the following resources for translations:

- CMS general equivalency mapping (GEMs), which are a public translation tool that provides bi-directional mapping between ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.
- Native mapping (i.e., coding from the ICD-10 code books) for translation of codes where existing policy for diagnosis and procedures are enforced.



## Code Resources

The CMS ICD-10 Web site includes information regarding ICD-10 codes, ICD-10 code tables that can be downloaded, code descriptions, and code mappings that are available free of charge.

- [CMS ICD-10 Web home page.](#)
- [CMS 2015 ICD-10-CM and GEMs downloads.](#)
- [CMS 2015 ICD-10 PCS and GEMs downloads.](#)

## Time to Prepare!

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring their own readiness for ICD-10 by understanding how ICD-10 will affect them and preparing accordingly. For the purposes of the ICD-10 transition, ForwardHealth is defining stakeholders as entities who conduct business with ForwardHealth, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Providers.
- Trading partners.
- Partners.
- HMOs.
- Payers.
- Clearinghouses.
- Value added networks (VANs).



## Time to Prepare! (Cont.)

Stakeholders that use a billing service or clearinghouse are encouraged to contact that entity regarding its ICD-10 preparedness.

## Preparing for ICD-10

ForwardHealth is engaged in assessing ICD-10 system impacts and implementing system changes, as applicable:

- Current billing policies are not expected to change with the implementation of ICD-10.
- Analysis of ICD-10 impacts to information published in the ForwardHealth Online Handbook on the ForwardHealth Portal and determining appropriate timing for ICD-10-related revisions.

## Preparing for ICD-10 (Cont.)

As a result of ForwardHealth's preparations for the implementation of ICD-10, users may begin to notice changes to the Portal screens and resources that have already been revised for ICD-10.

ICD-10 should *not* be used until the specified compliance date.

ICD-9 will be used for DOS prior to the implementation of ICD-10.



## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Readiness Resources

The CMS ICD-10 Web site includes information (available free of charge) regarding ICD-10 readiness, including, but not limited to, the following:

- [Basics for Small and Rural Practices.](#)
- [Road to 10: The Small Physician Practice's Route to ICD-10.](#)
- [The ICD-10 Transition.](#)
- [Online ICD-10 Implementation Guide.](#)
- [ICD-10 Industry Email Updates](#)

## ForwardHealth Resources

ForwardHealth is using multiple communication methods to relay ForwardHealth-related ICD-10 information:

- [ICD-10 Code Set Transition home page.](#)
- [ICD-10 Project Information E-mail Subscription messaging.](#)
- [ForwardHealth Updates.](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About ForwardHealth's Transition to ICD-10.](#)

Check the ICD-10 Code Set Transition Home Page regularly for key dates and updated ForwardHealth ICD-10 Project information.



## Testing

- Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring their own readiness for ICD-10; therefore, testing with ForwardHealth is optional, though strongly encouraged, for all stakeholders.
- Testing details, such as the testing environment Web address, log-in information, and testing parameters, are available on the ICD-10 Code Set Testing Page of the ForwardHealth Portal.
- Stakeholders may refer to CMS for testing information to determine if their programming or software changes for ICD-10 codes have been installed correctly and are functioning properly.



**Thank You**