

ICD-10 News Update

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ICD-10 Coming October 2015

Effective October 1, 2015, all providers must use ICD-10 codes when submitting claims with a service date on or after October 1, 2015. Alaska Medical Assistance will begin accepting ICD-10 files on October 1, 2015.

Trading Partner Testing

Alaska Medical Assistance will begin trading partner testing on March 23, 2015. There are two types of testing offered: End-to-End testing, which is required, and Syntactical testing, which is optional.

Providers submitting individual claims through PayerPath, Health Enterprise, or trading partners will **not** be required to perform End-to-End testing.

Testing Requirements

End-to-End Testing

In accordance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, Alaska Medical Assistance requires all trading partners to complete End-to-End testing for ICD-10 certification.

End-to-End testing offers trading partners an opportunity to validate the ICD-10 updates that have been made to their billing systems and Health Enterprise. During testing, trading partners will have the chance to compare claims payment results of ICD-10 billing to current ICD-9 billing and understand the financial impacts ICD-10 implementation.

End-to-End testing consists of verifying the results and responses sent back to the trading partners for submitted transactions. This will include an 835 electronic remittance advice for paid and denied claims. Alaska Medical Assistance offers two ways to submit ICD-10 End-to-End test files: submitting test files via the Secure FTP Submissions or by using the Web Portal Upload process. If web portal upload testing is required, the ICD-10 support team will work with trading partners on a one-on-one basis to perform testing. Trading partners must use their current claims submission process to submit two valid test files for each transaction type being tested and each test file must contain between 10-50 claims.



Syntactical Testing

Alaska Medical Assistance is supporting ICD-10 Syntactical testing of 5010 X12 transactions. Syntactical testing is not required. The Edifecs Ramp Management online application will be available to trading partners to test their transactions compliance using ICD-10 qualifiers and codes. The Edifecs Ramp Management tool does not validate ICD-10 codes.

Syntactical testing is available now. If you are interested in testing your ANSI X12 format for ICD-10 updates, you may contact the Alaska Medical Assistance ICD-10 team by email at AK-ICD10-Support@xerox.com or by phone at 855.744.8142 (toll free) or 907.644.8142 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Alaska Standard Time, Monday – Friday.

ICD-10 Additional Information

Any place you currently use an ICD-9 code to report a patient diagnosis code for a date of service on or after October 1, 2015, you will need to submit an ICD-10 code instead. Take special consideration for claims that overlap the implementation date. ICD-10 codes must also replace ICD-9 surgical procedure codes used on inpatient hospital claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015. All claims submitted electronically or on paper, service authorizations, and eligibility requests fall under ICD-10 reporting requirements.

An electronic file may contain both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes for claims or service authorization requests. A claim may not contain both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. Providers will not be allowed to submit a paper or electronic claim that contains both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. Claims must contain the appropriate ICD indicators on paper claims or qualifiers on electronic claims.

For computer-based trainings (CBTs) on ICD-10, log in to the Learning Management System (LMS) or create a new account at <http://learn.medicaidalaska.com> and select ICD-10 from the Provider dropdown menu. There are two CBTs on ICD-10 currently available: Basic Information and ICD-10 Impacts and Changes. These CBTs include extensive ICD-10 details and examples of how the ICD indicator is used on the CMS 1500 and UB-04 claim forms. Please check back as additional CBTs will be posted in the future.

For additional resources on ICD-10 implementation, visit <http://manuals.medicaidalaska.com/docs/icd-10.htm>. As the October 1st, 2015 implementation deadline approaches, ICD-10 training and testing information will be posted to this page.

ICD-10 Testing Contact

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