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What is ICD-10?

On January 16, 2009, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published new rules to adopt updated HIPAA standards. One of these rules modified the standard medical data code sets for coding diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures by concurrently adopting the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for diagnosis coding and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedural Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) for inpatient hospital procedure coding. These new codes replace the current International Classification (ICD-9), for diagnosis and procedure codes. Health care providers will be required to start using ICD-10 coding on claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2014.

HOW DOES ICD-10 AFFECT ME?

Claims for all services with diagnosis codes and/or hospital inpatient procedures performed on or after the compliance deadline must use ICD-10 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes. (This does not apply to CPT coding for outpatient procedures.) Claims that do not use ICD-10 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes cannot be processed. It is important to note, however, that claims for services and inpatient procedures provided before the compliance date must use ICD-9 codes.

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