

Complete an Assessment of ICD-10 Impact on Your Practice

Have you completed an assessment of how ICD-10 will impact your practice? If not, you need to do this now and begin working on implementing ICD-10 immediately. The compliance deadline for ICD-10 is October 1, 2015, which does not leave much time to complete the necessary work to have your computer systems updated, forms and other paperwork updated, staff trained, and computer systems tested.

If you don't know where to begin with doing an assessment, follow these steps. Keep in mind that anywhere you use ICD-9 today will need to be updated for ICD-10.

1. Identify all places where you use ICD-9 diagnosis codes today, including electronic systems, paperwork, and other processes.
 - Checking the patient's eligibility
 - Getting a prior authorization
 - Documenting the patient encounter
 - Submitting the claim
 - Receiving reimbursement
 - Reporting quality measures
 - Doing disease management
 - Doing public health reporting
2. Identify all vendors that maintain or supply you with the products needed to complete the tasks that use ICD-9 today.
 - Practice management system
 - Electronic health record
 - Other computer system
 - Superbills and/or encounter forms
 - Other forms
3. Identify all staff who works with the ICD-9 diagnosis codes. These people will need to receive training on ICD-10.
 - Coding staff
 - Front desk staff
 - Physicians
 - Other clinicians
 - Other staff

With a complete assessment, you will know exactly what work you need to do to get prepared for the October 1, 2015 deadline.

Visit the AMA's website for more resources on ICD-10
www.ama-assn.org/go/ICD-10