



## Vendors (Software Vendors, Clearinghouses, and Third-Party Billing Services) Implementation Timeline

The following is a timeline of essential activities needed to successfully transition to Version 5010 and ICD-10. While each organization's implementation may be unique, the following activities and procedures are intended to provide guidance for a smooth transition. Please note that depending on your organization, many of these timelines can be compressed and/or performed at the same time as other tasks. The estimated total duration for each activity is provided.



### Actions to Take Immediately

#### Version 5010

- Complete product requirements and conduct transition cost assessment (2 months)
- Complete engineering requirements, risks management, and product plans (1 month)
- Complete system verification and validation (6 months)
- Identify a timeline and strategy for customer's transition (3 months)
- Meet with customers to discuss transition strategy, testing and timeline (3+ months)
- Develop checklist for customers to use to implement steps outlined in strategy and timeline (1 month)
- Complete customer beta test and review (3 months)
- Complete customer product rollout (9+ months)
- Complete conducting internal testing of Version 5010 with customers to achieve **Level I compliance** (6+ months)
- January 1, 2011: Providers, payers, and all others covered by HIPAA should begin external testing of systems. Determine a testing schedule and readiness assessment for customers and trading partners (12 months)
- Conduct external trading partner testing of Version 5010 with customers to achieve **Level II compliance** (ongoing)
- Provide ongoing customer support for the Version 5010 transition through the January 1, 2012 compliance date

#### ICD-10

- Inform staff of upcoming changes (1 month)
- Establish organization's implementation chart (6 months)
- Determine product requirements (8 months)
- Estimate budgets. Budgets should include all costs associated with implementation including software, software licensing, hardware procurement, development, and staff training costs (8 months)

- Conduct product re-engineering analysis (6 months)
- Start product/solution development (9 months)



## Spring 2011

### Version 5010

- Continue solution rollout to customers
- Continue external trading partner testing of Version 5010 with customers to achieve **Level II compliance**
- Continue to provide customer support for the Version 5010 transition through the January 1, 2012 compliance date
- Continue discussions with customers about transition timeline and strategy (1 month)
- Distribute implementation checklist for customers (ongoing)

### ICD-10

- Establish implementation organization and structure, if not started already
- Determine product requirements/re-engineering analysis, if not started already
- Start product/solution development, if not started already



## Summer 2011

### Version 5010

- Continue to conduct external trading partner testing of Version 5010 with customers to achieve **Level II compliance**
- Continue solution rollout to customers
- Continue to provide customer support for the Version 5010 transition through the January 1, 2012 compliance date

### ICD-10

- Continue product/solution development
- Begin product testing, validation, verification (9 months)



## Fall 2011

### Version 5010

- Complete external trading partner testing of Version 5010 with customers to achieve Level II compliance, if you have not already
- Continue solution rollout to customers
- Continue to provide customer support for the Version 5010 transition through the January 1, 2012 compliance date

**ICD-10**

- Continue product/solution development
- Continue product testing, validation, verification
- Conduct customer review and beta testing (3 months)



Winter 2012

**Version 5010**

- Continue to provide customer support for the Version 5010 transition through the January 1, 2012 compliance date
- January 1, 2012:** All electronic HIPAA transactions must be conducted using Version 5010 standards; Version 4010/4010A1 no longer accepted

**ICD-10**

- Complete product/solution development
- Complete product testing, validation, verification
- Continue customer installation and testing
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



Spring 2012

**ICD-10**

- Continue customer review and beta testing
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



Summer 2012

**ICD-10**

- Continue customer installation and testing
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



Fall 2012

**ICD-10**

- Continue and complete customer installation and testing
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



## Winter 2013

**ICD-10**

- Complete customer installation and testing if not yet completed
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



## Spring 2013

**ICD-10**

- Complete customer installation and testing if not yet completed
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



## Summer 2013

**ICD-10**

- Complete customer installation and testing if not yet completed
- Provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system



## Fall 2013

**ICD-10**

- October 1, 2013: Vendor solutions for providers, payers, and all others covered by HIPAA must be operational for ICD-10; ICD-9 codes will continue to be used for services provided before October 1, 2013
- Continue to provide customer support for the new ICD-10 system

On-going education and implementation assistance for Version 5010 and ICD-10 is available from many professional organizations and associations. Visit the CMS website at [www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10) for the latest information and tools to help you prepare for the ICD-10 and Version 5010 transitions.

*CMS consulted resources from the American Medical Association (AMA), the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), the North Carolina Healthcare Information & Communications Alliance (NCHICA) and the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) in developing this timeline.*



Official CMS Industry Resources for the ICD-10 Transition  
[www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10)

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