

## **Partial Code Freeze for ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 Finalized**

The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee will implement a partial freeze of the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) codes prior to the implementation of ICD-10 on October 1, 2013. There was considerable support for this partial freeze. The partial freeze will be implemented as follows:

- The last regular, annual updates to both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 code sets will be made on October 1, 2011.
- On October 1, 2012, there will be only limited code updates to both the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 code sets to capture new technologies and diseases as required by section 503(a) of Pub. L. 108-173.
- On October 1, 2013, there will be only limited code updates to ICD-10 code sets to capture new technologies and diagnoses as required by section 503(a) of Pub. L. 108-173. There will be no updates to ICD-9-CM, as it will no longer be used for reporting.
- On October 1, 2014, regular updates to ICD-10 will begin.

The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee will continue to meet twice a year during the partial freeze. At these meetings, the public will be asked to comment on whether or not requests for new diagnosis or procedure codes should be created based on the criteria of the need to capture a new technology or disease. Any code requests that do not meet the criteria will be evaluated for implementation within ICD-10 on and after October 1, 2014 once the partial freeze has ended.

- The last regular updates for ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 occurred with the October 1, 2011 updates.
- Codes discussed at the September 14 - 15, 2011 and March 5 - 6, 2012 ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting will be considered for implementation on October 1, 2012 only if the public agrees that the codes capture new technologies or new diseases.
- Codes discussed at the September, 2012 and March 2013 ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting will be considered for implementation within ICD-10 on October 1, 2013 only if the public agrees that the codes capture new technologies or new diseases. There will be no updates to ICD-9-CM on October 1, 2013.
- Those requests that do not meet the criteria of new technology or new diseases will be considered for implementation within ICD-10 on October 1, 2014. The public will be actively involved in evaluating the merits of any such requests during the period of the partial freeze.