



# ICD-10

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### Testing: How to Get Started

While ICD-10 is almost here, you still have time to get ready. But you must get ready now. Each day this week we are highlighting 1 of the 5 recommendations to help you begin testing: 1) Why Test Now, 2) How to Get Started, 3) Testing with Trading Partners, 4) Types of Testing, and 5) Testing Tips.

Today our focus is:  
How To Get Started

## ICD-10 Test Now!

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### How to Get Started

Map out your workflows



Identify where you use ICD-10 codes



Prioritize—  
test most important workflows first



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- Verify that you can use your ICD-10-ready systems to:
  - Generate a claim
  - Schedule an outpatient procedure
  - Perform eligibility and benefits verification
  - Prepare to submit quality data
  - Schedule an office visit
  - Update a patient's history and problems
  - Code a patient encounter
- To get started, map out your workflows to help you decide what to test. Test any system that stores, processes, sends, receives, or reports diagnosis code information.
- Test your systems and workflow processes using ICD-10 diagnosis codes. You can test:
  - Inside your practice
  - With vendors, clearinghouses, billing services, and health plans
- Focus on your highest-risk scenarios. For example, claims processing and the diagnoses you see most often.

### Tips

- Involve financial and administrative staff
- Allow time to address any issues you uncover
- If you are participating in Medicare Fee-for-Service end-to-end testing this week, you can find additional information in these resources:
  - [MLN Matters SE1435 - End-to-End Testing FAQs](#)
  - [MLN Matters SE1501 - Acknowledgement Testing and End-to-End Testing FAQs](#)

To learn more about getting ready, visit [cms.gov/ICD10](https://cms.gov/ICD10) for free resources including the Road to 10 tool designed especially for small and rural practices, but useful for all health care professionals.

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