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International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) Testing with Providers through the Common Edits and Enhancements Module (CEM) and Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI)

Note: This article was revised on August 4, 2014, to show the new ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015. While the Change Request may not reflect the new ICD-10 date yet, CMS has announced the date change. All other information is unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Medicare providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), Home Health and Hospice MACs (HHH MACs) and the Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

What Providers Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8465, which announces plans for front-end ICD-10 testing between MACs and their trading partners.

For dates of service of October 1, 2015 (and after) providers are required to submit ICD-10 codes on their claims. MACs must provide the opportunity for providers and

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suppliers to submit test claims through the CEM or the CEDI on the designated testing days.

- **Test claims with ICD-10 codes must be submitted with current dates of service (i.e. October 1, 2013, through March 3, 2014), since testing does not support future dated claims.**
- **Test claims will receive the 277CA or 999 acknowledgement as appropriate, to confirm that the claim was accepted or rejected in the system.**
- **Testing will not confirm claim payment or produce remittance advice.**
- **MACs and CEDI will be staffed to handle increased call volume during this week.**

Make sure that your billing staff is aware of these upcoming ICD-10 testing periods.

Background

CMS is in the process of implementing ICD-10. All covered entities have to be fully compliant on October 1, 2015.

CR8465 instructs all Medicare MACs and the DME MACs CEDI contractor to implement an ICD-10 testing week with trading partners. The concept of trading partner testing was originally designed to validate the trading partners' ability to meet technical compliance and performance processing standards during the HIPAA 5010 implementation. The ICD-10 testing week has been created to generate awareness and interest and to instill confidence in the provider community that CMS and the MACs are ready and prepared for the ICD-10 implementation.

This testing week will give trading partners access to the MACs and CEDI for testing with real-time help desk support. The event will be conducted virtually and will be posted on each MAC and the CEDI website as well as the CMS website.

The testing week will be March 3 through March 7, 2014.

Testing Week Information:

- Your MAC will announce and actively promote the testing week via listserv messages and will post the testing week announcement on their website.
- Your MAC will host a registration site for the testing week, or provide an email address for the trading partners to provide registration information. The registration site or email address information will be available and publicized to trading partners at least four weeks prior to the testing week.
- During the testing week, EDI help desk support will be available, at a minimum, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local contractor time, with enough support to handle any increased call volume.

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- Providers and suppliers participating during the testing week will receive electronic acknowledgement confirming that the submitted test claims were accepted or rejected.
- **On or before March 12, 2014, your contractor will report the following to CMS:**
 - Number of trading partners conducting testing during the testing week.
 - Percent of trading partners that conducted testing during the testing week (versus number of trading partners supported) by contract.
 - Percent of test claims accepted versus rejected.
 - Report of any significant issues found during testing.

Note: On March 10, 2014, a revised CR changed the due date for the contractor report to CMS to March 12, 2014 (see page3). This date was also added to the implementation date for this reporting requirement only. The February 27, 2014, change to the article provided additional information to providers, suppliers, and clearinghouses about how claims will be submitted for testing (**page 2 in bold**).

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8465, issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1357OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

You may want to review SE1409 (<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1409.pdf>) for additional explanation of CMS' overall testing strategy in implementing ICD-10.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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