

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



News Flash – Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) and its business associates will implement the ASC X12, version 5010, and the National Council for Prescription Drug Program's (NCPDP) version D.0 standards as of January 1, 2012. To facilitate the implementation, Medicare has designated Calendar Year 2011 as the official 5010/D.0 transition year. As such, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will be testing with their trading partners throughout Calendar Year 2011. Medicare encourages its providers, vendors, clearinghouses, and billing services to schedule testing with their local MAC as soon as possible. CMS also encourages you to stay current on 5010/D.0 news and helpful tools by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/Versions5010andD0/index.html> on its website. **Test early, Test often!**

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Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)

Note: This article was updated on August 21, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other content remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

All Medicare providers and suppliers submitting claims to Fiscal Intermediaries (FI), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI), Carriers, A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MACs are affected by this article.

Provider Action Needed

This article, based on Change Request (CR) 7454, informs you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing its annual reminder of the ICD-9-

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CM update that is effective for the dates of service on and after October 1, 2011 (effective for discharges on or after October 1, 2011, for institutional providers). Please be sure to inform your staffs of these updates.

Background

ICD-9 Information

The ICD-9-CM codes are updated annually. Effective since October 1, 2003, an ICD-9-CM code is required on all paper and electronic claims billed to Medicare contractors and MACs, with the exception of ambulance claims (specialty type 59).

CMS posts the new, revised and discontinued ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes annually at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/index.html> on the CMS website. The updated diagnosis codes are effective for dates of service and discharges on and after October 1. You may view the new updated codes at this site in June. You may also visit the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd.htm> on the Internet. The NCHS will post the new ICD-9-CM Addendum on their website in June. You are also encouraged to purchase a new ICD-9-CM book or CD-ROM annually.

International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) Information

CMS has posted a list of 2011 ICD-10-CM code descriptions in tabular order (the order they appear in the code book) at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html> on the CMS website. The tabular order version of ICD-10-CM will assist those who wish to identify a range of codes and make certain they have correctly identified all codes within the range. In addition, a list of 2012 ICD-10-PCS codes is at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2012-ICD-10-PCS.html> on the CMS site. The 2012 ICD-10-CM list should be posted later this year and its posting will be conveyed via listserv notices.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 7454, issued to your FI, RHHI, carrier, A/B MAC, and DME MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2246CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, carrier, A/B MAC, or DME 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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