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CMS Conducts Final Successful Medicare FFS ICD-10 End-to-End Testing Week in July

From July 20 through 24, 2015, Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) health care providers, clearinghouses, and billing agencies participated in a third successful ICD-10 end-to-end testing week with all Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MAC Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor. CMS was able to accommodate most volunteers, representing a broad cross-section of provider, claim, and submitter types.

This final end-to-end testing week demonstrated that CMS systems are ready to accept and process ICD-10 claims. Approximately 1,200 providers and billing companies participated, and testers submitted over 29,000 test claims. View the [results](#).

Overall, participants in the July end-to-end testing week were able to successfully submit ICD-10 test claims and have them processed through Medicare billing systems. The acceptance rate for July was similar to the rates in [January](#) and [April](#), but with an increase in the number of testers and test claims submitted. Most of the claim rejections that occurred were due to errors unrelated to ICD-9 or ICD-10.

Through its robust system release testing, CMS has ensured that the Medicare FFS claims processing systems changes for ICD-10 implementation have been thoroughly tested and validated. CMS also has conducted an unprecedented additional level of testing to help providers prepare for ICD-10. This was the final end-to-end testing week, but providers are encouraged to participate in [acknowledgement testing](#), which can be completed at any time prior to the implementation date.

Be Prepared

Medicare claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015, will be rejected if they do not contain a valid ICD-10 code. The Medicare claims processing systems do not have the capability to accept ICD-9 codes for dates of service after September 30, 2015; or accept claims that contain both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.

CMS has created a number of ICD-10 tools and resources for providers. One tool is the "[Road to 10](#)," aimed specifically at smaller physician practices with primers for clinical documentation, clinical scenarios, and other specialty-specific resources to help with implementation.

For more information, visit the [Medicare FFS Provider Resources](#) web page.

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