

## ICD-10. It's closer than it seems.

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## There are only 2 weeks to Submit Comments for the HHS Proposed Rule to Delay ICD-10

The <u>proposed rule</u> to delay the compliance date for ICD-10 from **October 1, 2013** to **October 1, 2014** is posted to the Federal Register. **There are only two weeks left in the 30-day comment period.** This comment period allows you to provide very important feedback to HHS about this proposed compliance date change, which will affect many aspects of your organization.

When proposing the delay to ICD-10, HHS took into consideration feedback that some provider groups have concerns about their ability to meet the October 1, 2013 ICD-10 compliance date, based in part on implementation issues they have experienced meeting HHS' compliance deadline for Version 5010 standards.

All HIPAA-covered entities must transition to ICD-10 in order to assure that there is a smooth transition between provider organizations and trading partners, which will help to avoid rejected claims and provider payment delays. By delaying the compliance date for ICD-10, as proposed in this rule, providers and other covered entities will have more time to prepare and fully test their systems to ensure a smooth and coordinated transition among all industry segments.

All comments are due to HHS no later than 5:00 pm ET on May 17, 2012, and can be submitted in the following ways:

• Electronically by following the "Submit a comment" instructions on the <u>Regulations.gov website</u> • By regular mail sent to:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Department of Health and Human Services Attention: CMS–0040–P P.O. Box 8013 Baltimore, MD 21244–8013

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