



# ICD-10

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## ICD-10. COMPLIANCE DATE OCTOBER 1, 2015

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### 100 DAYS AWAY: ICD-10 Deadline October 1, 2015

Get Ready Now with the New CMS [Quick Start Guide!](#)

*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 steps from the new [Quick Start Guide](#): 1) Make a Plan, 2) Train Your Staff, 3) Update Your Processes, 4) Talk with Your Vendors and Health Plans, and 5) Test Your Systems and Processes. Today our focus is:

#### Step: 1 Make a Plan

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### Online

You can download the [2016 Code Tables and Index](#) at [cms.gov/ICD10](http://cms.gov/ICD10)



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### Make a Plan | Obtain Access to ICD-10 Codes

Practice Management Systems



Print and Electronic



Electronic Health Record Products



Available from many sources, in many formats

- Assign target dates for completing steps outlined here
- **Most important, obtain access to ICD-10 codes. The codes are available from many sources and in many formats:**
  - Code books
  - CD/DVD and other digital media
  - [Online](#) (e.g., go to [cms.gov/ICD10](http://cms.gov/ICD10) and select “2016 ICD-10-CM and GEMS” to download 2016 Code Tables and Index)
  - Practice management systems
  - Electronic health record (EHR) products
  - Smartphone apps
- Decide [role\(s\) your clearinghouse\(s\)](#) will play in your transition. Some providers who are not ready could benefit from contracting with a clearinghouse to submit claims:
  - Clearinghouses can help by:
    - Identifying problems that lead to claims being rejected
    - Providing guidance about how to fix rejected claims (e.g., more or different data need to be included)
  - Clearinghouses **cannot** help you code in ICD-10 codes unless they offer third-party billing/coding services

### Tips

- You must use:
  - ICD-10 codes for all services provided on or after October 1
  - ICD-9 codes for all services provided before October 1
- Identify everywhere in your practice that you use ICD-9 codes to make sure you know what processes and systems need to be updated for ICD-10; for example:
  - Patient registration and scheduling
  - Clinical documentation/health records
  - Referrals and authorizations
  - Order entry
  - Coding
  - Billing
  - Reporting and analysis
- Even clearinghouses that offer coding and billing services cannot translate ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 codes unless they have the detailed clinical documentation required to select the right code
- Practices that do not prepare for ICD-10 risk disruptions in cash flow
- For a more in-depth approach to planning, see the [Action Plan](#) section of the Road to 10

*To learn more about getting ready, visit [cms.gov/ICD10](http://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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