



# ICD-10

Official CMS Industry Resources for the ICD-10 Transition  
[www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10)



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

---

News Updates | April 23, 2015

---

### Five Facts about ICD-10

To help dispel some of the myths surrounding ICD-10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently talked with providers to identify common misperceptions about the transition to ICD-10. These five facts address some of the common questions and concerns CMS has heard about ICD-10:

- 1. The ICD-10 transition date is October 1, 2015.**

The government, payers, and large providers alike have made a substantial investment in ICD-10. This cost will rise if the transition is delayed, and further ICD-10 delays will lead to an unnecessary rise in health care costs. Get ready now for ICD-10.
- 2. You don't have to use 68,000 codes.**

Your practice does not use all 13,000 diagnosis codes available in ICD-9. Nor will it be required to use the 68,000 codes that ICD-10 offers. As you do now, your practice will use a very small subset of the codes.
- 3. You will use a similar process to look up ICD-10 codes that you use with ICD-9.**

Increasing the number of diagnosis codes does not necessarily make ICD-10 harder to use. As with ICD-9, an alphabetic index and electronic tools are available to help you with code selection.
- 4. Outpatient and office procedure codes aren't changing.**

The transition to ICD-10 for diagnosis coding and inpatient procedure coding does not affect the use of CPT for outpatient and office coding. Your practice will continue to use CPT.

**5. All Medicare fee-for-service providers have the opportunity to conduct testing with CMS before the ICD-10 transition.**

Your practice or clearinghouse can conduct acknowledgement testing at any time with your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Testing will ensure you can submit claims with ICD-10 codes. During a special “acknowledgement testing” week to be held in June 2015, you will have access to real-time help desk support. Contact your MAC for details about testing plans and opportunities.

Stay tuned for five more facts about ICD-10: coming to you soon in another CMS ICD-10 Email Update message.

**Keep Up to Date on ICD-10**

Visit the CMS [ICD-10 website](#) for the latest news and resources to help you prepare. Sign up for [CMS ICD-10 Industry Email Updates](#) and [follow us](#) on Twitter.



---

Questions? [Contact Us](#)

Stay Connected:



---

Subscriber Services: [Manage Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

---

