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Is your practice ready for ICD-10?

On October 1, 2015, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets. The transition to ICD-10 is required for all organizations covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA).

How does this affect my practice?

- Not using ICD-10 codes as of October 1, 2015 will result in reimbursement issues for your practice.
- Your office staff will have 68,000 diagnosis codes to work from instead of 3,000.
  While this is a significant increase in the total number of codes, your providers and staff will only need to use those codes that are related to their day-to-day practice.

Plans for implementing ICD-10 in your office should begin immediately if they are not already underway, regardless of the size or function of your practice. ICD-10 implementation is not just a billing or information systems project. It will affect all areas of physician documentation workflow.

Medical offices should:
- Determine who in their organization will lead the ICD-10 transition.
- Establish any necessary ICD-10 committees or workgroups.
- Have their final ICD-10 training plans in place.

Where should I start?

1. Contact your EMR (Electronic Medical Record) vendor immediately confirming your EMR application(s) is ICD-10 compliant.
2. Familiarize your practice with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ICD-10 implementation guidelines:
   a. [http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html)
3. Contact Oregon Medical Association or your professional medical organization for ICD-10 office staff training opportunities:
   a. https://theoma.inreachce.com
   b. OMA: (503) 619-8000; www.theOMA.org/ICD-10
   c. Refer to enclosure “Keep your ICD-10 implementation and education plan on track!”

Laboratory service providers are uniquely positioned to understand the benefits of a smooth transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10. Legacy, PeaceHealth and Providence, together with the Oregon Medical Association, are sponsoring this communication.

We urge you to take action now to plan how you will manage this transition and avoid any unnecessary reimbursement issues that will affect your bottom line.

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