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Preparedness for Oct. 1 ICD-10 compliance date

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has established Oct. 1, 2015, as the compliance date for the transition to ICD-10, the 10th revision of the International Classification of Diseases. When ICD-10 becomes the national standard on Oct. 1, providers and payers will be required to use ICD-10 codes in transactions for services provided on or after that date.

Although the implementation date was postponed a year in 2014, we know of no additional delays at this time. With the compliance date now just three months away, we are finalizing changes to our systems to ensure our readiness for the conversion from 15,000 ICD-9 codes to as many as 70,000 ICD-10 codes. Additionally, we will deliver training to our claims colleagues in advance of Oct. 1 on the proper use of ICD-10 codes with the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG).

For additional information regarding the implementation of ICD-10, please refer to www.cms.gov/ICD10. Should you have any questions about the transition to ICD-10, please contact our ICD-10 task force at ICD10@sedgwick.com.

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