

ICD-10 Preparation Continues to Move Forward

On February 16, 2012, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen G. Sebelius announced that HHS would initiate a process to postpone the date by which certain health care entities have to comply with International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) diagnosis and procedure codes. The final rule adopting ICD-10 as a standard, published in January 2009, set a compliance date of October 1, 2013.

On April 9, 2012, Secretary Sebelius announced a proposed rule that, if approved, would postpone the compliance date until October 1, 2014.

At this time, the ICD-10 compliance date remains October 1, 2013. Nevada's Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) and its trading partners are moving forward to be ready for the 2013 compliance date.

- ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and procedure coding for all entities covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), not only those entities who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims. The change to ICD-10 does not affect Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding for outpatient procedures.
- DHCFP is currently working to identify where ICD codes are used within DHCFP's policies, processes and systems. DHCFP and HP Enterprise Services (HPES) are identifying the tasks necessary to remediate the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
- ICD-9 codes must be used for all procedures and diagnoses dates of service before October 1, 2013. Claims with ICD-10 codes dates of service before October 1, 2013, will be denied.
- ICD-10 codes must be used for all procedures and diagnoses dates of service on and after October 1, 2013. Claims with ICD-9 codes dates of service on or after October 1, 2013, will be denied.

Providers are advised to talk with your software vendor to ensure your system will be upgraded to support ICD-10 by October 1, 2013.