

# ICD-10

# TRAINING & COMMUNICATION



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TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) would like to introduce you to the International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision (ICD-10) Newsflash, its latest source of information on the efforts of TMA's Information Management (IM) Division and the Military Health System (MHS) in resources, planning and preparation towards implementing the International Classification of Diseases.

## What's ICD-10?

ICD-10 consists of two coding systems. ICD-10 Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) is used for diagnosis coding and the ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) is used for inpatient hospital procedure coding.

ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS provide specific diagnosis and treatment information that can improve quality measurements, patient safety, and the evaluation of medical processes and outcomes. ICD-10-PCS has the capability to readily expand and capture new procedures and technologies. ICD-10-CM is a coding of diseases, signs and symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases, as classified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

### Why is the MHS required to use ICD-10 codes?

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandated the replacement of the ICD-9-CM code sets used by medical coders and billers to report health care diagnoses and procedures with ICD-10 code sets, effective October 1, 2013.

### When does the MHS plan to start preparing?

The MHS has been making preparations since 2009. An analysis of TMA centrally-managed systems is underway to assess the implications of changing from ICD-9 to ICD-10. The Services are also evaluating implications of changes to feeder and downstream systems, in addition to information system changes, coding guidelines, templates, forms and other publications are being updated.

### What should the trainer staff (for Coders, Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs), etc.) do to get ready?

Determine specialty role/subject based training needs and determine the forums in which training can be offered. Become aware of the broad implications and the code set differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10. Begin to assess if continuing education and coding certifications are needed to support your business.

### What should the coding staff do to get ready?

Start refresher training on anatomy and physiology. Begin education on ICD-10 code sets and guidelines, biomedical sciences, and pharmacology. Seek out education and training opportunities that allow for coding certifications. The coding staff can also begin to identify any documentation deficiencies and start working with providers to ensure that documentation is sufficient to support ICD-10 coding.

### What should providers and clinicians do to get ready?

Providers can play an important role in helping to support coders during the ICD-10 transition. Providers and clinician staff should be aware that in order to ensure the benefits of the ICD-10 code sets are fully realized, coders may be requesting more specific documentation in order to utilize the increased specificity of the ICD-10 code sets. Providers may be asked to attend general or specialty training sessions geared towards documentation requirements.

## HOT links!!

**Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) ICD-10 Playbook**

[http://www.himss.org/asp/topics\\_icd10playbook.asp](http://www.himss.org/asp/topics_icd10playbook.asp)

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

<http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/>

**CMS ICD-10 Implementation Podcasts**

<http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Tel10/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1242831>

**ICD-10 TMA HIPAA**

<http://www.tricare.mil/tma/hipaa/icd-10.aspx>

**Defense Health Information Management Systems (DHIMS) "The BEAT" Newsletter**

<http://dhims.health.mil>

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