

Network Notification

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To: Ohio Providers

From: CareSource

Subject: ICD-10 Deadline – Oct 1, 2014

The ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets effective October 1, 2014, per the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA). The change to ICD-10 does not affect CPT coding for outpatient procedures.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the transition to ICD-10 is occurring because:

- ICD-9 produces limited data about patients' medical conditions and hospital inpatient procedures.
- ICD-9 is 30 years old, has outdated terms, and is inconsistent with current medical practice.
- ICD-9 limits the number of new codes that can be created, and many ICD-9 categories are full.

CareSource encourages all Providers to continue progress toward compliance. Review all patient records for accurate coding. Incorrect or general coding could lead to nonpayment or reduced payment for health care providers. Taking the initiative now to improve clinical documentation will ensure a smoother transition to ICD-10 for health care providers, coding staff and patients.

You can find out more at www.cms.gov/ICD10 or go to our website at www.caresource.com to view Frequently Asked Questions about ICD-10.

Questions?

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