



Reminder
Preparing for ICD-10 Implementation in 2011
National Provider Teleconference

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a national provider teleconference on **“Preparing for ICD-10 Implementation in 2011”**. Subject matter experts will review basic information on the transition to ICD-10 and discuss implementation planning and preparation strategies for this year. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

When: Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Target Audience: Medical coders, physician office staff, provider billing staff, health records staff, vendors, educators, system maintainers and all Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) providers

The following topics will be discussed:

- Planning for transition to ICD-10 –A call to action
- ICD-10 implementation for services provided on and after October 1, 2013—No grace periods or delays
- Date of service implementation requirements
- Tools for converting codes – 2011 General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs)
- Partial freeze of ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 code updates, except for new technologies and diseases
- Use of unspecified codes in both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10
- Updating payment and coverage policies for ICD-10
- Differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10
- Internal planning groups and organizational strategies
- Awareness, educational strategies and assessing training needs
- Implementation plan development and impact assessment
- Determining vendor readiness
- Coding gap analysis—What needs to be done for your coding staff
- Assessing quality of medical record documentation
- Developing an ICD-10 budget
- Consequences of poor preparation

For more information and to register for this informative session, please go to <http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Tel10/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=0&sortByDID=1&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1242831&intNumPerPage=10> on the CMS website. Registration will close at 1:00 p.m. ET on January 11, 2011, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made. Please register early.