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## ICD-10 Delayed

*On 1 April 2014, President Obama signed a law that, in part, said the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may not adopt the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) code set as the standard prior to 1 October 2015.*

### **What Does this Mean to Us in the MHS?**

First, take a deep breath. Then, we in the Military Health System (MHS) and the rest of the United States (U.S.) healthcare industry must “assess” how this delay affects our plans and activities. Based on our assessments and understanding, we will be better able to make thought-out and wise recommendations and decisions on what to do next. Much is not yet known.

### **Moving Forward**

We (within the MHS) and others will be watching for industry guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which is charged with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification compliance and oversight. In the meantime, the MHS is assessing the impacts across systems, training, forms and publications, and purchased care. We are pushing forward with the second ICD-10 end-to-end systems testing event in late May 2014. The Services have the prerogative as to how they will plan for, adjust as needed, and execute related training. The silver lining in the delay is it allows us all more time and opportunities to prepare for a successful ICD-10 implementation.

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