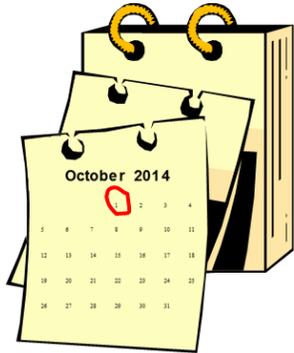


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ICD-10 Compliance Date Delayed by One Year— A Message from the MHS ICD-10 IPT Chair

On September 5, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a Final Rule that officially extends the compliance date of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) from October 1, 2013 to **October 1, 2014**. HHS emphasizes in the Final Rule that the extra year “gives covered health care providers and other covered entities more time to prepare and fully test their systems to ensure a smooth and coordinated transition by all covered entities.”

The MHS ICD-10 Integrated Project Team (IPT) remains focused on transitioning to the new code sets. It is important that the MHS not lose momentum during this extra year, but continue to move forward with needed changes, testing, and training. A representative from Business Information Management offers his insight on the delayed compliance date, “Human nature is for us all to see the extra year, take a breath, and put work off until later. We’re going to resist that urge. We’re going to make good use of the extra year in doing testing and deployment well. Our guiding principles for ICD-10 transition still apply – 1) Do the Minimum Essential Requirements to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10, and 2) Let’s not break or seriously degrade existing business processes as we transition. The extra year will help us all to do this transition well for the benefit of the end users.”

The MHS ICD-10 IPT sub-work groups (SWGs) considered the impact of delays to four major areas: centrally-managed information systems; training and communication; policies, forms and publications; and purchased care.

The **Functional Requirements SWG** has completed the requirements analysis review for the MHS centrally managed systems and software change contracts have been awarded for most of these systems. Work must be completed according to the start and end dates as defined in the Statements of Work. Adjusting the ICD-10 compliance date a year later, should have no impact on these contracts and software changes will continue according to the schedule. These contracts contain a certain level of testing; however, the additional year to implement will allow for additional testing.

The **Training and Communications SWG** recognizes that the need for training will not change, only that now there is more time available to make sure appropriate and adequate training is administered at the right time for maximum proficiency. The timeline for the start and end date for ICD-10 coding, training, and clinical documentation improvement will be adjusted accordingly. The ICD-10 web-based training tool will continue to be available for use through October 2015. The SWG will continue to engage and communicate with stakeholders throughout the MHS to help ensure people are aware of ICD-10 related activities and progress.

The **Forms and Publications SWG** plans to use the additional year to gain necessary approvals of updated forms and publications. SWG participants have been hard at work identifying documents that reference required use of the ICD-9 code set and/or a specific ICD-9 code. Work will continue with the appropriate parties to ensure that those documents are updated to reference use of the ICD-10 code set and/or a specific ICD-10 code, and that those documents are published in time for the new compliance date.

The **Purchased Care SWG** welcomes the ICD-10 delay which allows more time for the MCSCs to develop and test both internally and externally to meet TRICARE requirements, such as for TRICARE Encounter Data (TED) and Patient Encounter Processing & Reporting (PEPR). Extending the amount of time to test will help catch glitches early and provide a more effective transition from one code set to the other.

For informative and educational news regarding the MHS implementation and ICD-10 training activities, please visit the following websites:

- TRICARE HIPAA website – <http://www.tricare.mil/tma/hipaa/icd-10.aspx>
- Army – <http://www.pasba.amedd.army.mil/tools/links.html>
- Navy – BUMEDM3HIMPMSupport@med.navy.mil
- Air Force – <https://kx.afms.mil/HCM>

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Days Remaining to
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Upcoming Events

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10- CM/PCS: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

October 4-6, 2012
Chicago, Illinois

Joint Military Services Special Interest Session

October 4, 2012
Chicago, Illinois

WEDI 2012 Fall Conference: Health IT Business Policy Impact

October 23-25, 2012
Reston, Virginia

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