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ICD-10 Implementation - Next Steps As We Move Forward

As we look forward to 2013, there is much work remaining to complete implementation by the October 1, 2014, compliance date. With careful planning and a collaborative effort, the MHS looks ahead to the next steps of implementing the ICD-10 code sets. The guiding principles of the MHS ICD-10 Integrated Project Team (IPT) are to complete minimal essential changes, plan for post-implementation uses and benefits, and test to ensure no harm is done to current processes.

System Testing

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) emphasized the need to conduct the majority of systems testing for ICD-10 code use in 2013. The MHS ICD-10 IPT is identifying which of the Service-specific systems require testing with centrally-managed systems. Testing is targeted to begin this year and continue into 2014.

Education and Outreach

Communication for general awareness will continue as before, while the MHS progresses to training coders using a web-based training program. Training will continue into 2014 with Basic Awareness, Advanced Awareness and Provider Specialty training modules. TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) and the Services will continue to monitor usage of the training program and communicate the progress to MHS senior leadership.

Forms and Publications

ICD-10 updates to impacted forms and publications are underway. The offices that hold primary responsibility for each of these forms will ensure that all stakeholders are properly notified of updates.

Purchased Care

TMA is working closely with the Managed Care Support Contractors (MSCSs) to ensure a smooth transition for TRICARE's purchased care operations including testing of the CMS ICD-10 Medicare Severity (MS) Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG) Grouper pilot version and the TRICARE Encounter Data (TED).

With continued support of ICD-10 efforts from senior leadership and the enthusiastic participation and collaboration of stakeholders, we must strategically move forward together in order to best position ourselves for a successful ICD-10 implementation.

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Days Remaining to
ICD-10 Conversion

As of 1/1/2013

Upcoming Events

February 28, 2013

AAPC ICD-10 Boot Camp

Residence Inn—Springfield Old

Keene Mill

Springfield, VA

[ICD-10 Boot Camp](#)

February 28 – March 2, 2013

AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/

PCS: Building Expert Trainers in

Diagnosis and Procedure Coding

The Westin Las Vegas Hotel

Las Vegas, NV

[AHIMA Academy](#)

April 14-17, 2013

AAPC 2013 National Conference

Walt Disney World Resort

Orlando, Florida

[AAPC Conference](#)

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