



# THE ROAD TO ICD-10. ARE YOU READY?

## Compliance Deadline is October 1, 2015



1. Make a Transition Plan
  - a. Identify which staff members will help implement ICD-10
  - b. Obtain access to ICD-10 Codes
2. Train Your Staff
  - a. Get up to speed
  - b. Identify top codes and code current cases in ICD-10
3. Update Your Processes
  - a. Get your forms ready
  - b. Resolve any documentation gaps identified while coding top diagnoses in ICD-10

4. Talk to Your Vendors and Payers
  - a. Call your vendors to confirm the ICD-10 readiness of your practice's systems.
  - b. Confirm that the health plans, clearinghouses, and third-party billing services you work with are ICD-10 ready
5. Test Your Systems and Processes
  - a. Verify that you can use your ICD-10-ready systems to generate a claim
  - b. Explore alternate ways to submit claims to health plans if you think your systems might not be ready for ICD-10 by Oct 1

### The Differences will make a Difference

It is important to understand the major improvements and changes between ICD-9 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes
No Laterality	Laterality – Right or Left account for >40% of codes
3-5 digits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First digit is alpha (E or V) or numeric</li> <li>• Digits 2-5 are numeric</li> <li>• Decimal is placed after the third character</li> </ul>	7 digits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digit 1 is alpha; Digit 2 is numeric</li> <li>• Digits 3-7 are alpha or numeric</li> <li>• Decimal is placed after the third character</li> </ul>
No placeholder characters	"X" placeholders
14,000 codes	69,000 codes to better capture specificity
Limited Severity Parameters	Extensive Severity Parameters
Limited Combination Codes	Extensive Combination Codes to better capture complexity
1 type of Excludes Notes	2 types of Excludes Notes