



COMPLIANCE IS NOT OPTIONAL

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ICD-10 Be Prepared By Sandra Young

Hopefully by now you should all be aware that ICD-10CM is coming. October 1, 2015 is the date of the transition and there are no plans for another delay. But what does this change mean and why is everyone so concerned? ICD-10-CM stands for International Classification of Disease, Clinical Modification 10th revision and is currently being used by the rest of the world. We need to make the transition to this diagnosis code set as it allows for descriptions in advancements in medicine and greater specificity in code selection.

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We have asked each of our physicians to review and dispute, if applicable, the data posted under their name on the Open Payments website and ensure consistency with that which was reported internally on the RNUA. Once the data goes public, anyone will be able to view information reported under any physician, including government regulators. It is easy to foresee challenges against physicians now that the Open Payments compensation data will be available. Regulators will now have compensation data to piece together with prescription patterns. Case in point: a Chicago-area psychiatrist has pleaded guilty to receiving illegal kickbacks of almost \$600,000 from two pharmaceutical companies in exchange for prescribing their anti-psychotic drug to patients in violation of the anti-kickback statute.

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Coding Tip ICD-10 Documentation ML

Physicians will need to provide more comprehensive documentation so that coders can select the correct diagnosis code (s). Be aware that relying on unspecified codes is not acceptable and payment may not be made if a more specific code exists.

A few tips to remember when documenting:

- Specific diagnosis
- Specific anatomy
- Laterality
- Combination codes for conditions and common symptoms or manifestations
- Initial verses recurrent

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