

# What you need to know about ICD-10

## What is ICD-10?

ICD-10 stands for the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Classification of Diseases, 10th edition. In the United States, ICD-10 will replace the current ICD-9 code sets used to report healthcare diagnoses and procedures. The new ICD-10 code sets incorporate much greater specificity and clinical information and are more consistent with today's practice. Adoption of ICD-10 will reduce payment errors and speed reimbursement throughout the industry while improving data sharing opportunities across global and industrial boundaries. If used strategically, ICD-10 can enhance quality measurement and research to inform changes in healthcare.

## When will ICD-10 be implemented?

All HIPAA Covered Entities must begin using the new ICD-10 code sets on October 1, 2013. Healthcare organizations also must comply with the HHS regulation requiring an industry-wide upgrade to the EDI Version 5010 by January 1, 2012. Version 5010 is a pre-requisite for ICD-10.

## Who will be impacted by ICD-10?

All segments of the healthcare industry, including providers, clearinghouses, and health plans will be affected. Given the scope and magnitude of the technology, processes, and behavioral changes that must be made in order to accommodate the new codes, the ICD-10 transition places a large burden on already pressured healthcare organizations.

## Why do I need to act now?

Payers will not pay for claims improperly coded in ICD-9 after October 1, 2013. In order to receive proper payment, healthcare organizations must meet intermediate dates such as end-to-end testing completion, prior to the compliance date. End-to-end testing with business partners is essential to ensure interoperability of processes and systems and will require significant advance planning.

## How do I get started?

The first step in preparing your organization for ICD-10 is to conduct a comprehensive Risk Readiness Assessment followed by an Impact Analysis. Noblis can guide you through the steps of planning and implementing ICD-10 across your organization. We have a proven record of success working on ICD-10 and addressing the strategic needs of over 600 provider organizations. Contact a Noblis ICD-10 expert today at 703.610.1536 or [ICD10@noblis.org](mailto:ICD10@noblis.org).



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