



## Test Your ICD-10 Readiness for a Smooth Transition

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To: Passport Providers

### **Background:**

Beginning October 1, 2015, the ICD-9 code sets used to report medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures will be replaced by ICD-10 code sets. ICD-10 consists of two parts:

- ICD-10-CM diagnosis coding which is for use in all U.S. health care settings.
- ICD-10-PCS inpatient procedure coding which is for use in U.S. hospital settings.

ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA).

### **Provider Action Needed:**

In order to successfully implement the new ICD-10 submission requirements on October 1, 2015, Passport recommends that you begin testing now. Contact your vendors to confirm that they have fully functional, compliant products and services in place. Testing your vendor's products and upgrades beforehand can help you avoid potential cash flow issues after the implementation date.

Ask your vendors:

- Do they have system upgrades/replacements needed to accommodate ICD-10?
- When will upgrades/replacement systems be available for testing?
- Are there additional costs involved for upgrades/replacement systems?
- Will new hardware be necessary?
- Will tools, training and support be provided for system upgrades/replacements?
- What will the process be for claims split between the ICD-9 cut-off and the ICD-10 implementation date?
- How long will their systems accommodate both code sets?

### **Test your ICD-10 readiness with Passport. Sign up before July 1, 2015.**

To ensure a successful ICD-10 implementation, Passport will schedule a testing window beginning August 1, 2015, and continuing through August 30. Testing will be limited to providers who sign up before July 1 and receive confirmation.



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Testing with Passport allows providers to submit test ICD-10 claims through the respective clearinghouses for claim processing and adjudication. Passport will provide testing providers an 835 Remittance Advice after claim adjudication.

**How to register**

Please complete the [Provider Testing Sign-Up form](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHPICD10SGNUP) at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHPICD10SGNUP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PHPICD10SGNUP). Upon submission, you will receive confirmation of participation.

**PLEASE NOTE: It is provider's responsibility to ensure your practice management system or billing service can submit your test claims to Emdeon and/or necessary trading partners to ensure your test claims are submitted.**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [dedicated Web page](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html) ([www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html)) has a wealth of tools and information to help prepare for a smooth transition. CMS's "[Road to 10](http://www.roadto10.org/)" online resource (<http://www.roadto10.org/>) can help smaller practices build action plans as well as provide common codes and resources for primary care and specialty physicians.

**Questions:**

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Passport ICD-10 testing team at [ICD10@amerihealthcaritas.com](mailto:ICD10@amerihealthcaritas.com) or call your Provider Relations Specialist at (800) 578-0775.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Please note that the Passport ICD-10 provider testing initiative is not intended to enable providers to conduct financial neutrality assumptions or measurements. Facility claims submitted by providers will not be priced as they would on or after 10/1/15 because Kentucky has not yet published the DRG (grouper) weights and rates. Professional claims will not be priced as they will be on or after 10/1/15 as the Passport testing environment may not contain the most current contract rates.

**Reminder: ICD-10 goes live October 1, 2015**