

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: All Providers Participating in the NE Medicaid Program  
All Medicaid EDI Trading Partners

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RE: **Medicaid ICD-10 Implementation Project  
April 2013 Update**

Please share this information with Clinical, Coding, Billing, and IT Staff

The United States Department of Health and Human Services requires that all HIPAA covered entities use the International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision (ICD-10) codes beginning October 1, 2014. This bulletin provides information regarding the Nebraska Medicaid ICD-10 Implementation Project.

## Highlights of Recent ICD-10 Implementation Decisions:

### Dental Claims:

- Diagnosis codes are not currently required on dental paper and electronic claims (HIPAA 837D) and will not be required with the implementation of ICD-10 on October 1, 2014.

### Test Plan Dates:

- Nebraska Medicaid plans to begin ICD-10 electronic transaction testing with trading partners in the first quarter of 2014. More details will be published as known.

## Medicaid ICD-10 Implementation Project Web Page:

The ICD-10 web page is now operational. It includes decisions made by Nebraska Medicaid, a section on Frequently Asked Questions and links to resources. For email notice of updates to this page, please be sure to click on

the “Subscribe to this page” link. The web page can be accessed in several ways:

- From the Provider Information page: [Provider Information Page](#)
- From the Current Initiatives page: [Current Initiatives](#)
- From the EDI page: [EDI Home Page](#)

If you have comments, recommendations or questions, please submit to: [DHHS.ICD-10Implementation@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.ICD-10Implementation@Nebraska.gov) .

#### **Reminders for Providers:**

- The implementation date for ICD-10 is just 17 months away.
- Every provider should be developing a plan to enable claims to be submitted and processed after October 1, 2014, with either ICD-9 codes (for dates prior to October 1, 2014) or ICD-10 codes (for dates on or after October 1, 2014).
- Your billing service, clearinghouse, or practice management software vendor must be ready to submit ICD-10 and ICD-9 (for earlier dates of service) by October 1, 2014.
- Medical coders must be ready to code ICD-10 beginning October 1, 2014.
- Medical coders should be practicing coding services in ICD-10 to ensure documentation is adequate to allow for accurate ICD-10 coding.
- Consider electronic billing as part of your ICD-10 solution, if you don't bill electronically now.

#### **Questions?**

CMS has resources to help prepare for a smooth transition. Visit [www.cms.gov/ICD10](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10) to find out more.

Please submit questions about this bulletin or about ICD-10 to [DHHS.ICD-10Implementation@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.ICD-10Implementation@nebraska.gov) .

Thank you.