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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
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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, 10th Revision (ICD-10) codes beginning October 1, 2014. This bulletin provides information regarding the Nebraska Medicaid ICD-10 Implementation Project.

CMS Frequently Asked Questions

CMS recently published the following questions and answers. Additional information is added as clarification for Nebraska Medicaid:

Question #1: How long after the October 1, 2014, ICD-10 compliance date must I continue to report and/or process ICD-9 Codes?

CMS Answer: Each payer determines their late filing requirements for standard transactions and ICD-10 does not require a change to these requirements. These deadline requirements vary among plans. Contact your payer for the current information regarding late filing for claims.

Nebraska Medicaid Answer: Claims for dates of service prior to October 1, 2014, must be submitted with ICD-9 codes, regardless of the date submitted. Please note:

- The Nebraska Medicaid claim filing deadline changes effective September 1, 2013, from within one (1) year to six (6) months of the date of service. See [Provider Bulletin #13-50](#) for details.

- A provider should also factor in how long they need to be able to report ICD-9 for claim adjustments that can be submitted up to 90 days from the payment date of the Remittance Advice and for exceptions to the 6 month timely filing rule. For exceptions to this rule, see 471 NAC 3-002.01A at [Payment for Medicaid Services](#).
- Claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2014, must be submitted with ICD-10 codes.
- When the dates of service span the implementation date, for example, the discharge date and/or through date is on or after October 1, 2014, the claim should contain only ICD-10 codes.

Question #2: In current practice by the mental health field, many clinicians use the DSM-IV in diagnosing mental disorders. As of May 19, 2013, the DSM-5 was released. Can these clinicians continue current practice and use the DSM-IV and DSM-5 diagnostic criteria?

CMS Answer: Yes. The Introductory material to the DSM-IV and DSM-5 code set indicates that the DSM-IV and DSM-5 are “compatible” with the ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes. The updated DSM-5 codes are crosswalked to both ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM. As of October 1, 2014, the ICD-10-CM code set is the HIPAA adopted standard and required for reporting diagnosis for dates of service on and after October 1, 2014.

Neither the DSM-IV nor DSM-5 is a HIPAA adopted code set and may not be used in HIPAA standard transactions. It is expected that clinicians may continue to base their diagnostic decisions on the DSM-IV/DSM-5 criteria, and, if so, to crosswalk those decisions to the appropriate ICD-9-CM and, as of October 1, 2014, ICD-10 CM codes. In addition, it is still perfectly permissible for providers and others to use the DSM-IV and DSM-5 codes, descriptors and diagnostic criteria for other purposes, including medical records, quality assessment, medical review, consultation and patient communications.

Dates when the DSM-IV may no longer be used by mental health providers will be determined by the maintainer of the DSM-IV/DSM-5 code set, the American Psychiatric Association, <http://www.dsm5.org>.

Nebraska Medicaid Answer: **ICD-10 codes must be submitted for dates of service on or after October 1, 2014.** Providers should discuss with coders, billing staff, IT staff, office management software vendors, clearinghouses, trading partners, etc., to ensure that they will be prepared to code and submit ICD-10 on or after October 1, 2014. See [Provider Bulletin #13-36](#) for more detail.

Questions?

The Nebraska Medicaid ICD-10 Project website has a number of Frequently Asked Questions. If you don't see the answer to your question, please send it to DHHS.ICD10Implementation@nebraska.gov .

CMS has resources to help prepare for a smooth transition. Visit www.cms.gov/ICD10 to find out more.

Please submit questions about this bulletin or about ICD-10 to DHHS.ICD-10Implementation@nebraska.gov.

To stay informed of ICD-10 developments, please refer to the ICD-10 Implementation Project website at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/ICD-10.aspx>.