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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.

Testing ICD-10 Electronic Claims – To Begin April 1, 2014
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ICD-10 end-to-end testing of **electronic claims** is scheduled to begin April 1, 2014.

- Contact your clearinghouse/trading partner to assess their testing readiness.
- To be approved for testing, please contact the Nebraska Medicaid EDI Help Desk at 866-498-4357 or 402-471-9467 (Lincoln) or DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov .
- In the **Nebraska test plan**:
 - **10/1/2013** will be used as the test ICD-10 implementation date. This one year backdate will allow for testing of claims with pre- and post-implementation dates of service.

- One test file for each 837 claim type (I, P, D) will be accepted per day, i.e., one file for 837P (professional) claims and one file of 837I (institutional) claims may be submitted the same day.
 - Test Files will be limited to a maximum of 50 claims.
 - Both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes should be submitted during testing following these **testing rules**:
 - ICD-9 will be accepted only with dates of service prior to 10-1-2013.
 - ICD-10 will be accepted only with “to” or “discharge” dates of service on or after 10-1-2013.
 - ICD-9 and ICD-10 will not be accepted on the same claim.
 - Practitioner claims with dates of service that span the implementation date should be split into two claims, so that ICD-9 codes and dates of service prior 10-1-2013 are on one claim, and ICD-10 codes with dates of service 10-1-2013 or later on the other.
 - ICD-10 codes should be submitted without the decimal, just as ICD-9 is submitted today.
 - Be sure claims are correct and complete. This will allow testing to be of ICD-10 diagnosis codes and procedures and not of normal claim submission requirements.
 - For claim outcome comparison, real claim data that was previously paid in production should be re-submitted in test files with ICD-9 diagnosis and surgical procedure codes modified, as needed.
 - Outcome results will be provided.
- Testing is not required, but is highly recommended.
 - Please subscribe to the ICD-10 webpage at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/ICD-10.aspx> to receive updates as further information is available.

ICD-10 end-to-end testing of **PAPER claims** is also scheduled to begin in April 2014. Details will be communicated in future provider bulletins.

To prepare for testing:

- Providers should begin creating/coding test claims. Examples of ways to begin might be to dual code a few claims in both ICD-9 and ICD-10 every day or to devote ½ hour every day to coding ICD-10.
 - This will help build a diverse grouping of claims to be used for comparison in testing.
 - This will help evaluate the completeness of clinical documentation to ensure that a specific ICD-10 code can be identified and supported by the documentation.

- Coders will gain practice and insight into ICD-10 coding and discover any training needs.
- Coders/billers will gain knowledge of the most commonly used ICD-10 codes for the services provided.
- Production claims that have successfully been processed by Nebraska Medicaid would be good claims to re-code with ICD-10 for testing as resulting errors are more likely to relate to ICD code testing. This will also allow for comparison of payment information.
- Please work with your billing staff, office management software vendor, IT staff and clearinghouse, as appropriate, to ensure readiness for testing.

Resources

Nebraska Medicaid ICD-10 website at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/ICD-10.aspx>

Visit the Nebraska ICD-10 Collaborative website at: <http://www.nebraskaicd10.org/> for information about training opportunities and other resources.

Check out the Nebraska Health Information Management Association website at: <http://www.nhima.org> for some training opportunities in Nebraska.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has resources to help prepare for a smooth transition. Visit www.cms.gov/ICD10 to find out more.

Questions?

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

The Nebraska Medicaid ICD-10 Project website also has a number of Frequently Asked Questions at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/ICD-10.aspx> .

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website has published a list of Frequently Asked Questions at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/ICD10FAQs2013.pdf> .