

Revised ICD-10 Preparation Timeline

CMS has confirmed that the new official implementation date for ICD-10 is Oct. 1, 2015. Use the extra time afforded by the delay to ensure your agency is on track in each unique area specified below. This timeline was created by Lisa Selman-Holman, HCS-D, principal of Selman-Holman Associates and the coding service CoDR – Coding Done Right, in Denton, Texas.

Planning:

Complete all of the following between October 2014 and January 2015

- Identify resources
- Create project team
- Assess effects
- Create project plan
- Secure budget

Communications:

Complete these tasks between October 2014 and February 2015

- Inform staff
- Contact vendors

Complete this task between October 2014 and March 2015

- Contact payers

Complete these tasks between October 2014 and October 2015

- Monitor vendor prep
- Monitor payer prep

Testing:

Complete all of the following between October 2014 and January 2015

- High level training for test team
- Level 1: Internal
- Level 2: External (*Contact your software vendor and MAC for possibilities*)

Comprehensive Training:

- **Documentation:** Begin now, and continue through Oct. 1, 2015
- **Coding:** Begin in January 2015
- **Dual coding:**
 - Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2014: Top 20 diagnoses
 - Jan. 2015 – Mar. 2015: 3 cases a week
 - Apr. 2015 – Jul. 2015: 5 cases a week
 - Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2015: Dual coding begins

Other tasks:

- **Review your agency's list of common diagnoses:** Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015
- **OASIS C-1 training:** Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
- **Evaluate grouper for impact on payment:** Jan. 2015 – Nov. 2015
- **Additional training on grouper:** Jul. 2015 – Sept. 2015
- **Ongoing quality audits:** From Oct. 2015 on