Show Me the Money: ICD-10 and Payer Readiness

ICD-10 Documentation Excellence Series
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Welcome

• Thank you to today’s panelists:

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WPS Medicare

Dennis Winkler
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Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan
Today’s Objectives

• Appraise payer readiness to accept claims in the ICD-10 environment.
• Describe payer expectation of providers for claims processing to minimize payment delay.
• Explain what is required by the payers to prove medical necessity in ICD-10.
• Discuss findings from ICD-10 claims testing (if your organization has completed any testing).

• Panel Question and Answer
Today’s Agenda

- Panelist presentations:
  - Janet Mateo
    - WPS Medicare
  - Mary Graham, LMSW
    - Priority Health
  - Dennis Winkler
    - Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan
  - Karen Popa
    - Munson Medical Center

HAVE A QUESTION?

Email your question to icd10help@mhc.net and our moderator will bring it up during the panel discussion.
AGENDA

• ICD-10 End-to-End Testing/Issues Identified
• ICD-10 Acknowledgement Testing/Findings from Completed Testing
• ICD-10 Medical Necessity Requirements
• Tips to Prevent Claim Processing Delays
COUNTDOWN TO ICD-10

- Compliance date is 10/01/2015
- Resources
  - SE1410 - ICD-10
  - CMS website
    - www.cms.gov > Medicare > ICD-10
  - WPS Medicare
    - www.wpsmedicare.com > J8 MAC Part A > Claims > ICD-10

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TESTING

• Upcoming testing weeks
  • March 2-6, 2015
  • June 1-5, 2015
• WPS Medicare will be appropriately staffed to handle increased call volume via the EDI Help Desk
Acknowledgment test claims can be submitted anytime up to the October 1, 2015, implementation date.
- Registration is not required for these virtual events.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT TESTING RESULTS

- Acknowledgement Testing in November
- Approximately 500 testers participated
- Close to 13,700 claims submitted
- 87% of claims accepted by WPS Front End System
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TOP 5 REASONS FOR REJECTS – ACKNOWLEDGMENT TESTING

• Invalid ICD-10 diagnosis code
  • Dates of service were prior to the effective date of code on the CEM reference file

• Invalid procedure code
  • Caused by CEM issue
TOP 5 REASONS FOR REJECTS - ACKNOWLEDGMENT TESTING

• Future dates of service used
  • Must use current dates

• Missing Data
  • Not necessarily related to ICD-10

• Other
  • Invalid data not related to ICD-10
END-TO-END TESTING

SE 1409

• Volunteers selected for upcoming ICD-10 End-to-End Testing
  • April 27 – May 1, 2015
• Additional opportunity for testing available
  • July 20 – 24, 2015

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END-TO-END TESTING ISSUES

• During the January round of ICD-10 testing some of the following issues were identified:
  • Some submitters sent claims for beneficiaries that were not listed on the Volunteer Information Sheet
  • Claims were not processed
END-TO-END TESTING ISSUES

• Some claims hit edits and were sent Return to Provider (RTP) locations
  • Testing was considered finalized
• Some claims went to status locations that could not be worked
• Some claims used incorrect dates of service
END-TO-END TESTING ISSUES

• Some claims received with ICD-10 codes with dates prior to 10/1/2015
• Some providers sent duplicate claims

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ICD-10 MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUIREMENTS

• The level of detail required in medical record documentation for ICD-10 and/or PCS codes will require additional information
  • In order to code the service and support the treatment plan
ICD-10 MEDICAL NECESSITY REQUIREMENTS

• The patient record must include specific medical terminology and
  • Provide more detailed documentation
• Assess whether documentation currently in the medical record will support ICD-10 CM
CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Why is clinical documentation important?
- Documentation is critical for patient care
- Validates the patient care provided
- Serves as a legal document
- Quality Reviews
- Compliance with CMS, Tricare and other payers' regulations and guidelines
- Impacts coding, billing and reimbursement

Medicare requires that ALL medical conditions be evaluated, diagnosed and treated as well as a patient’s health history, past & present illness and outcomes documented in the patient’s medical record. The implementation of ICD-10-CM and PCS brings with it new documentation requirements that will have a significant impact on your practice. Medicare providers will no longer be able to depend on old documentation habits.

The level of detail required in medical record documentation for ICD-10-CM and or PCS codes will require in most cases, additional information in order to code the service and support the treatment plan. The patient record must include specific medical terminology and provide more detailed documentation. It is important to identify your current documentation deficiencies when reporting diagnoses in the medical record documentation. Since ICD-10-CM is expanded and has up to seven digits of specificity, providers need to assess whether your documentation currently in the medical record will support ICD-10-CM by the compliance date.

Providers should know that cross walking/mapping should not be used as a substitute for learning and fully implementing ICD-10-CM or PCS into their practice. There is information that can be lost or gained when ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes are cross walked or mapped to one another.
CLAIM SUBMISSION ALTERNATIVES

• PC-ACE PRO32 Free Software
  • Available to providers that do not complete the necessary system changes to submit claims with ICD-10 codes by October 1, 2015
  • Software has been updated to support ICD-10 codes
    • Does not provide coding assistance
    • Allows providers to submit claims in ICD-10 claim submission format
TIPS TO PREVENT CLAIM PROCESSING DELAYS

• Claim should have all data elements necessary
  • For type of bill and services billed

• Data submitted should be accurate and complete
  • HIC number, NPI number, etc.
TIPS TO PREVENT CLAIM PROCESSING DELAYS

• Claim should be billed in accordance with current Internet-Only Manual instructions
• Claim should be billed within the timely filing requirement period
TIPS TO PREVENT CLAIM PROCESSING DELAYS

• Follow billing instructions outlined in Special Editions Article SE 1325 for split billing
ICD-10 Update

On April 1, 2014, the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) (Pub. L. No. 113-93) was enacted, which said that the Secretary may not adopt ICD-10 prior to October 1, 2015. Accordingly, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services expects to release an interim final rule in the near future that will include a new compliance date that would require the use of ICD-10 beginning October 1, 2015. The rule will also require HIPAA covered entities to continue to use ICD-9-CM through September 30, 2015.

Road to 10

General ICD-10 Information

What is ICD-10?
Final Rule
Why the switch from ICD-9 CM to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS?
ICD-10 v ICD-9
Quick References

Small Providers

Time Is Ticking, But you Can Still Make it
Small Provider Quick References

Specialty Providers
CERT PROGRAM IDENTIFIED ERRORS

Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)

Welcome to the WPS Medicare Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Program web page.

WPS Medicare (Part A) CERT Point of Contact (POC)

For CERT questions, contact the WPS Medicare Part A CERT Point of Contact (POC) at Medicare.cert.part.a@wpsic.com if you are requesting review results, include the Claim Identification number (CID) in your e-mail if available. Please do not include protected health information (PHI).

What is CERT?
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed the Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) program to improve the processing and medical decision making involved with payment of Medicare claims.

CERT Articles
Valuable WPS Medicare guidance related to coding, billing, and documentation issues currently resulting in CERT error findings

CERT Identified Errors
Visit this section to find the most current and detailed CERT error findings for WPS Medicare processed claims. This information can serve as a valuable educational tool for self-auditing to prevent potential documentation and billing issues and avoid costly recoupments.

CERT Resources and Links
Additional CERT related information, including links to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and CERT contractor Websites, education, and instructions for contacting your WPS Medicare CERT "Point of Contact".

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CERT TASK FORCE

• MACs collaborate to educate
• Goal: reduce National payment error rate
• Departments>CERT>CERT A/B MAC Outreach & Education Task Force
C-SNAP ENHANCEMENTS

• Appeals status
• Discharge Status
• Submitting documentation through C-SNAP
  • For Medical Review ADRs and Probes only
FUNCTIONALITY & BENEFITS

• Functionality
  • Upload your Medical Documentation
  • For claims associated with a Probe
  • For an Additional Development Request (ADR)
  • For a returned to provider (RTP) claim requesting Medical Documentation

• Verify Documentation Submitted
  • View submitted documentation for up to 75 days
  • Verify the status of the review
FUNCTIONALITY & BENEFITS

• Benefits
  • Free
    • No printing costs
    • No postage costs
    • No esMD costs

• Time Saving
  • Reduced records preparation time
  • No paper forms to fill out

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FUNCTIONALITY & BENEFITS

- **Benefits**
  - **Instant Confirmation**
    - Receive a confirmation number
    - Links directly to claim
    - No lost records
    - No fax issues
  - **No Shipping Delay**
    - Reduce days to payment
  - **Available 24/7**
    - For documentation submission

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Q&A
You have questions...
I have answers...
DISCLAIMER

This program is presented for informational purposes only.

Current Medicare regulations will always prevail.

02/25/2015
The Payers Collaboration, a consortium of health insurers, has announced that the group has joined together to aid physicians and other health care providers in the transition to the ICD-10 code sets.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has mandated Oct. 1, 2015, as the date to switch from the ICD-9 to ICD-10 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes.

Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, United HealthCare, Priority Health and Health Alliance Plan (HAP) have combined resources to offer valuable information to the provider community. Transitioning to ICD-10 does not have to be overly costly or burdensome.

The Payers Collaboration plans a series of hour-long webinars by specialty every other Thursday at noon Eastern time. They are set to begin with Family Practice, General Practice and Internal Medicine on March 5th. To register for this webinar go to: https://cc.readytalk.com/r/fnc23r7o1e9k&eom

Among the benefits of the webinars:

Drill down into diagnosis codes common to specialties and see how they are affected by ICD-10.

Suggested transition checklists help minimize disruption in the move to ICD-10.

Free ICD-10 testing options offered to help assess coding proficiency.

Confidence that the payers will be prepared to handle ICD-10 coded claims and encounters on Oct. 1, 2015.

CME credits are not offered for these webinars.
Preparing for ICD-10

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Who we are and why we’re here

- The Payers Collaboration is a group of payers working together to provide a resource for providers in their ICD-10 readiness activity.

- We are working as one voice to provide valuable information to the provider community about transitioning to ICD-10 and show that the transition doesn’t have to be overly costly or burdensome.

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- **Blue Cross Blue Shield:**

- **HAP:**
  
  https://www.hap.org/providers/icd10.php

- **Humana:**
  
  Humana.com/providerwebinars

- **Priority Health:**
  

- **UnitedHealthcare:**

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ICD-10 in a nutshell

- The ICD-10 implementation is scheduled for Oct. 1, 2015

- All HIPAA-covered health care entities must begin using ICD-10 code sets in place of ICD-9 code sets for:
  - Outpatient claims with a service date of 10/1/15 or after
  - Inpatient claims with a discharge date of 10/1/15 or after

- These are diagnostic codes (to define conditions and diseases) as well as procedure codes (for inpatient procedures)

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Implementation delays

ICD-10 implementation has been delayed several times but the current implementation date is October 1, 2015.

Why so many delays?

- The most common reason cited for delaying ICD-10 is the complexity and cost involved on the health care provider side.
- Another reason is the possibility of rejected claims due to noncompliance and the impact on health care providers and cash flow.

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Provider and Payer Concerns

Everyone agrees that disruption to the claims processing system is the greatest danger of ICD-10 implementation

- It could lead to cash flow problems and disruptions
- It could also increase inquiries and resources straining health plans resources

We need to work together to ensure that all stakeholders are ready to minimize disruption
“It can cost (a provider office) $80k to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10”

- We too have heard “facts” like this, but believe that this figure assumes implementation, planning, and costs that will not be seen by the majority of health care providers.

- For most specialties, cost are much lower

UnitedHealthcare findings

Notable Code Changes for

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Primary Care
General Changes

- Updated terminology
- Format of codes
  - Diagnosis Codes range from 3-7 characters. Procedure Codes are always 7 characters.
  - All diagnosis codes begin with an alpha character
- Addition of laterality in several chapters
- 7th character requirement
- X as a place holder (required for code to be complete)

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Infectious and Parasitic Diseases

- HIV now B20 (ICD-9 was 042)

- When coding sepsis or AIDS review the Coding Guidelines and the notes at the category level selection

- Bacterial and viral infectious agents (B95-B97) are used at supplementary or additional codes to identify the infectious agent(s) in diseases classified elsewhere
Diabetes Mellitus

☐ Combination codes

☐ No longer classified as “controlled” or “uncontrolled”

☐ “Inadequately,” “out of control,” or “poorly controlled”
  ☐ Code to Diabetes, by type, with hyperglycemia
Mental, Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

- Unique codes for alcohol and drug use, abuse and dependence
- “Continuous” or “Episodic” no longer classified
- History of drug or alcohol dependence coded as “in remission”
- Combination codes
- New codes for blood alcohol level, Y90 category

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Diseases of Eye and Adnexa

- Concept of laterality:
  - Right
  - Left
  - Bilateral
  - Unspecified

- Age-related instead of senile cataract
Diseases of Eye and Adnexa

- Bilateral glaucoma with same type and stage
  - Use bilateral glaucoma code
  - Report only the code for the type of glaucoma
  - Seventh character for the stage

- Bilateral glaucoma with different types or stages
  - Assign laterality code as appropriate for each eye, having different type or stage

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Diseases of Ear and Mastoid Process

Otitis media

☐ Use additional code for any associated perforated tympanic membrane (H72 category)

☐ Use additional code to identify:

- Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z77.22)
- Exposure to tobacco smoke in the perinatal period (P96.81)
- History of tobacco use (Z87.891)
- Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (Z57.31)
- Tobacco dependence (F17.-)
- Tobacco use (Z72.0)

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Diseases of Circulatory System

- Type of hypertension (benign and malignant) is not used
  - Only one code in ICD-10: I10, Essential Hypertension
- Terminology changed to STEMI (ST elevation myocardial infarction) and time frame for encounters reduced from 8 weeks to 4 weeks or less
- I21 Initial STEMI
- I22 Subsequent STEMI
  - See Coding Guidelines regarding sequencing of codes depending on circumstances when a subsequent STEMI occurs.

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Diseases of Respiratory System

- New terminology for asthma:
  - Mild intermittent
  - Mild persistent
  - Moderate persistent
  - Severe persistent

- Additional code notes in this section

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Diseases of Genitourinary System

- Urosepsis in ICD-9 coded to 599.0 (for urinary tract infection)

- No code for Urosepsis in ICD-10, consult with provider to code to condition
What will be different?

- Otitis Media
  - ICD-9 382.9 Unspecified otitis media
  - ICD-10 H66.9 Otitis media, unspecified
    - H66.90 Otitis media, unspecified ear
    - H66.91 Otitis media, right ear
    - H66.92 Otitis media, left ear
    - H66.93 Otitis media, bilateral

Laterality in documentation is required to assign the most specific code.
Family Practice

What will be different?

- Diabetes Type II
  - ICD-9 250.02 Diabetes mellitus without mention of complication type II
  - ICD-10 E11.9 Type 2 diabetes mellitus, without complications

There are 40 Type 2 diabetes mellitus codes.
Additional code for insulin use (Z79.4)
Family Practice

What will be different?

- GERD
  - ICD-9 530.81 Esophageal reflux
  - ICD-10
    - K21.0 Gastro-esophageal reflux disease with esophagitis
    - Reflux esophagitis
    - K21.9 Gastro-esophageal reflux disease without esophagitis
    - Esophageal reflux NOS

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Family Practice

What will be different?

- Hemorrhoids
  
  ICD-9
  455.X Hemorrhoids
  
  ICD-10
  K64.0 First degree hemorrhoids
  K64.1 Second degree hemorrhoids
  K64.2 Third degree hemorrhoids
  K64.3 Fourth degree hemorrhoids
  K64.4 Residual hemorrhoids skin tags
  K64.8 Other hemorrhoids
  K64.9 Unspecified hemorrhoids

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Family Practice

What will be different?

- Obesity
  - ICD-9
    278.00 Obesity, unspecified
    278.01 Morbid obesity
    278.02 Overweight
    278.03 Obesity hypoventilation syndrome
  - ICD-10
    E66.01 Morbid (severe) obesity due to excess calories
    E66.09 Other obesity due to excess calories
    E66.1 Drug-induced obesity
    E66.2 Morbid (severe) obesity with alveolar hypoventilation
    E66.3 Overweight
    E66.8 Other obesity
    E66.9 Obesity, unspecified

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What will be different?

- Conjunctivitis
  
  ICD-9 372.30 Conjunctivitis, unspecified

  ICD-10 H10.9 Unspecified conjunctivitis

  Type and laterality will determine the correct code to select.
Resources

ICD-10-CM Guidelines:

MedlinePlus website:
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/

CMS General Equivalency Mapping (GEM)

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What you can do

- Let’s walk through a process in which you can create your own specialty based ICD-10 translations
Start with a checklist

- Obtain a list of your most commonly use ICD-9 codes
- Use existing tools to develop a list of viable ICD-10 codes
- Create job aid or superbills of those ICD-10 codes
- Study those codes to understand the level of detail needed in the medical record
- Make sure that medical record documentation supports ICD-10 codes
- Use existing content-based testing environments and practice ICD-10 coding of those scenarios

*Note: This transition activity is not the end game solution, but it will minimize immediate disruption and get you over the hump for 10/1/15.*
## Super-Bill Example

### Example: ICD-9 vs ICD-10 super-bill

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Example

- A 37 year old female presents to the clinic for evaluation of her headaches. She states they are frequent and it doesn’t seem that anything in particular triggers them. The physician exams the patient and determines she has chronic intractable tension-type headaches.
Example - Process

- Index: Headache
  - Tension (-type)
    - Chronic
    - Intractable

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Example Process (cont’d.)

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Content-based testing links

You can register at the following sites:

- Humana:
  http://hureg.providercodingimpact.com/Registration.aspx

- BCBSM:
  bcbsmicd10providerregistry.highpoint-solutions.com

- Michigan Dept of Community Health:
  http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/
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ICD-10 Tuesday Grand Rounds Presentation
Karen Popa, RN
Patient Financial Services Director

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Medical Necessity is key to:

- **Compliance**
  - Do the right thing at the right time
  - Avoid audits

- **Revenue**
  - Avoid denials
    - *Accounts for half of hospital lost revenue (HFMA)*
  - Streamline cash flow

- **Savings (saved work=saved money)**
  - Get it right the first time...less rework
Impact of Denials

Some denials can be recovered...
...but rework & resubmission still costs

• Denied claims are
  • returned to a coder to review,
  • Result in Calls/Faxes to the physician,
  • Re-coding, etc.

• Denied claims cause
  • Lost productivity
  • Resource drain – delay completion of current work
  • Handling record multiple times

• Cost is about $25+ per claim
So why is Medical Necessity compliance difficult?

- Medical necessity policies change
  - are different from payer to payer
- Medical necessity rules can be complex
- Integrating policies into existing software & workflows is difficult
- Incomplete documentation or wrong codes on encounter form or order
- Adjusting to new code requirements with I-10
So, what about ICD-10 policies?

- Most ICD-10 Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) and National Coverage Determinations (NCD) are already published.
- CMS’s intent is not to change coverage – just make an I-10 version of the I-9 policy.
- MACs are taking the time to review and revise LCDs – some of the rules have changed.

OP Ancillary Dual Coding

Dual Coded Lab Accounts
N=770

- Family Practice: 213
  - Fail MN: 24
  - Pass MN: 95
  - No NCD: 95
- Sub-Specialty: 167
  - Fail MN: 27
  - Pass MN: 36
  - No NCD: 104
- Internal Medicine: 71
  - Fail MN: 8
  - Pass MN: 30
  - No NCD: 33
- Physicians Assist: 12
  - Fail MN: 3
  - Pass MN: 4
  - No NCD: 5
- Nurse Practitioner: 6
  - Fail MN: 4
  - Pass MN: 6
  - No NCD: 0
- Obstetrics/Gynecology: 6
  - Fail MN: 4
  - Pass MN: 6
  - No NCD: 0
Dual Coded Lab Tests
Failed Medical Necessity
Dec 14
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**How to increase specificity:**
- Acute or chronic
- Due to specific condition
- Other signs/symptoms
Increasing Specificity
Panel Question & Answer

HAVE A QUESTION?

Email your question to icd10help@mhc.net and our moderator will bring it up during the panel discussion.

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