

ICD-10 Will Change Everything

Will You Be Ready?

AAPC can help every aspect of your practice's transition to ICD-10. Whether you just want the basics or need complete implementation training, AAPC has a solution to fit your needs.

Physicians

- **Documentation:**
The need for specificity dramatically increases by requiring laterality, stages of healing, weeks in pregnancy, episodes of care, and much more.
- **Code Training:**
Codes increase from 17,000 to 140,000. Physicians must be trained.

Clinical Area

- **Patient Coverage:**
Health plan policies, payment limitations, and new ABN forms are likely.
- **Superbills:**
Revisions required and paper superbills may be impossible.
- **ABNs:**
Health plans will revise all policies linked to LCDs or NCDs, etc., ABN forms must be reformatted and patients will require education.

Managers

- **New Policies and Procedures:**
Any policy or procedure associated with a diagnosis code, disease management, tracking, or PQRI must be revised.
- **Vendor and Payer Contracts:**
All contracts must be evaluated and updated.
- **Budgets:**
Changes to software, training, new contracts, new paperwork will have to be paid for.
- **Training Plan:**
Everyone in the practice will need training on the changes.

Nurses

- **Forms:**
Every order must be revised or recreated.
- **Documentation:**
Must use increased specificity.
- **Prior Authorizations:**
Policies may change, requiring training and updates.

Lab

- **Documentation:**
Must use increased specificity.
- **Reporting:**
Health plans will have new requirements for the ordering and reporting of services.

Billing

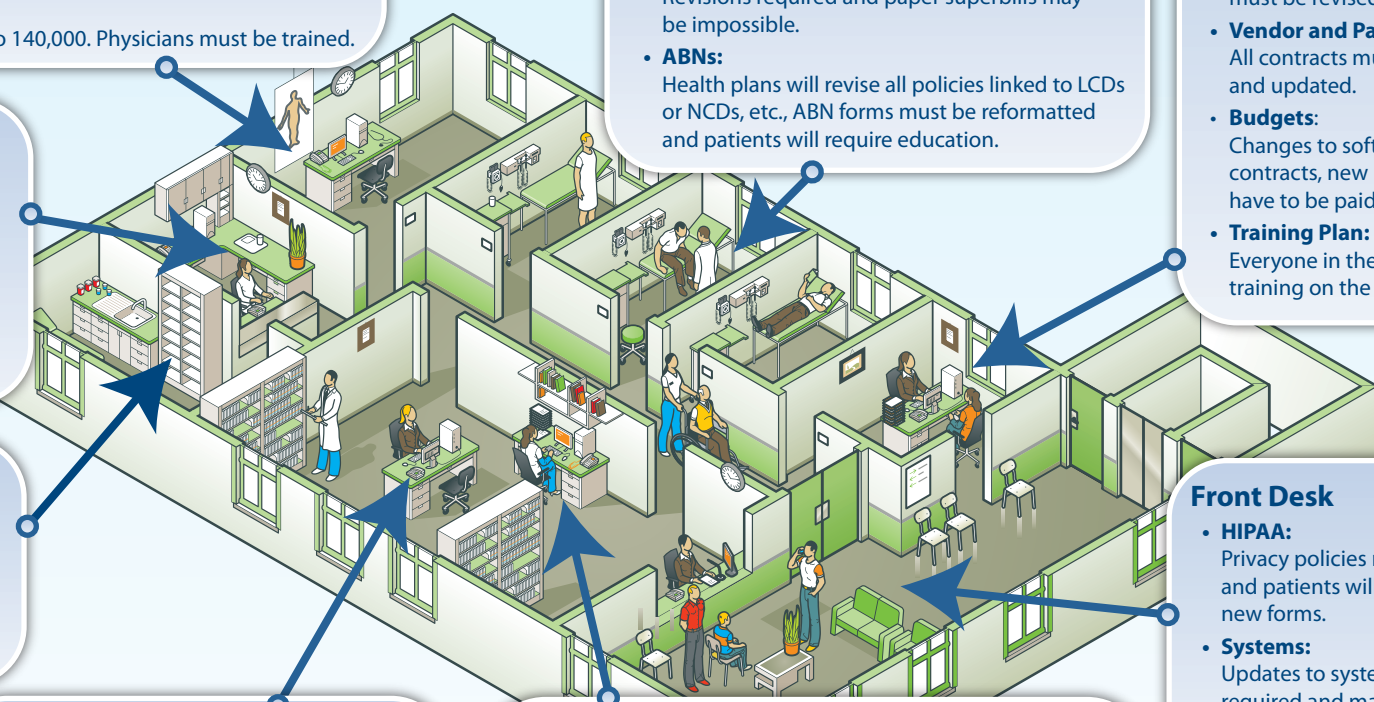
- **Policies and Procedures:**
All payer reimbursement policies may be revised.
- **Training:**
Billing department must be trained on new policies and procedures and the ICD-10-CM code set.

Coding

- **Code Set:**
Codes will increase from 17,000 to 140,000. As a result, code books and styles will completely change.
- **Clinical Knowledge:**
More detailed knowledge of anatomy and medical terminology will be required with increased specificity and more codes.
- **Concurrent Use:**
Coders may need to use ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM concurrently for a period of time until all claims are resolved.

Front Desk

- **HIPAA:**
Privacy policies must be revised and patients will need to sign the new forms.
- **Systems:**
Updates to systems are likely required and may impact patient encounters.



Coder's Roadmap to ICD-10

Below is a full curriculum to prepare coders for the Oct. 1, 2014 implementation of ICD-10. All AAPC members and industry coders are strongly encouraged to consider all steps in the plan as each one provides the foundation for the next.

ICD-10 TIMELINE

2012

Step 1

Implementation Training

- Everything you need to know to implement ICD-10-CM in your practice
- Areas of ICD-10-CM impact, working with vendors and GEMS
- Documentation challenges of ICD-10-CM
- Templates, tools and checklists to simplify the transition
- 16 hours

Step 2

Anatomy and Pathophysiology Training

- Advanced training for increased specificity requirements
- How to identify the appropriate diagnosis or condition
- Key areas of challenge posed in ICD-10-CM
- 14 hours

2013

Step 3

Code Set Training

- General code set training
- Complete guidelines with ICD-10-CM hands-on exercises
- 16 hours
- Available 2nd Quarter, 2013

2014

Step 4

Specialty Code Set Training

- Advanced, real-world, hands-on coding
- 4 - 8 hours
- Available January, 2014

Step 5

ICD-10 Proficiency Assessment

- 75 questions
- Open book, online, unproctored, use any resource available
- Two attempts to pass over a two year window (Oct. 1, 2013 – Sept. 30, 2015)

ICD-10
Implementation

OCTOBER 1, 2014



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