ICD-10 Will Change Everything
Will You Be Ready?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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**

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<td>• Everything you need to know to implement ICD-10-CM in your practice</td>
<td>• Advanced training for increased specificity requirements</td>
<td>• General code set training</td>
<td>• Advanced, real-world, hands-on coding</td>
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<td>• Areas of ICD-10-CM impact, working with vendors and GEMS</td>
<td>• How to identify the appropriate diagnosis or condition</td>
<td>• Complete guidelines with ICD-10-CM hands-on exercises</td>
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<td>• Documentation challenges of ICD-10-CM</td>
<td>• Key areas of challenge posed in ICD-10-CM</td>
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<td>• Templates, tools and checklists to simplify the transition</td>
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