Transition to ICD10: The Basics

General Awareness Training, Level I
Course Objectives

- Identify what the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is and its relevance to coding
- Review timeline of when the United States will adopt the ICD-10 coding system and the reasoning behind adoption
- Cite how the ICD-10 transition will impact Texas Health Resources and your job
- Be educated on what Texas Health Resources is doing in preparation for the conversion to the new coding system
What Is a Coding System?
How is a coding system used?

Coding systems are used by providers and payers to differentiate diagnoses and procedures in nearly all treatment settings.

Diagnostic and procedural codes are connected to virtually every process in the healthcare industry and are critical data elements for quality data, clinical outcomes, claim submissions and reimbursement.
What is The International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is a system for classifying causes of disease and mortality. The ICD is updated periodically by the World Health Organization (WHO) to reflect changes in medical terminology, improved understanding of the causes of disease, and identification of new diseases.
The United States is one of the last countries to adopt ICD-10 coding system.

Countries currently using the ICD-10 coding system for data collection and/or reimbursement:

- United Kingdom
- Denmark
- Finland
- Iceland
- Norway
- Sweden
- France
- Australia
- Belgium
- Germany
- Canada

Source: CMS.gov
Adoption of the ICD-10 Coding Is a Mandate In The United States!

The Department of Health and Human Services has mandated that healthcare organizations using ICD-9 code sets for reporting of medical diagnoses and inpatient procedures, must replace them with the more specific ICD-10 code sets effective October 1, 2015.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) is responsible for implementation and guidance.
Why Can’t We Keep Using Current ICD-9 Coding System?

CMS explains: “ICD-9 codes provide limited data about patients’ medical conditions and hospital inpatient procedures. ICD-9 is 30 years old, it has outdated and obsolete terms, and is inconsistent with current medical practices. Also, the structure of ICD-9 limits the number of new codes that can be created, and many ICD-9 categories are full.”

https://www.cms.gov
Benefits of ICD-10 Coding System According to CMS

CMS states: “ICD-10 codes allow for greater specificity and exactness in describing a patient’s diagnosis and in classifying inpatient procedures. ICD-10 will also accommodate newly developed diagnoses and procedures, innovations in technology and treatment, performance-based payment systems, and more accurate billing. ICD-10 coding will make the billing process more streamlined and efficient, and this will also allow for more precise methods of detecting fraud.”

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Conversion to ICD-10 Coding System

Who is affected?

- HIPAA-Covered Entities
- Providers
- Hospitals
- Payers

CMS stated goals

- More precise code capture
- Track and Trend Disease
- More Precise Claims
- More attention to new technologies
- Utilization Management
- Quality Management
Who Will Be Impacted?

Managers
- Policies and Procedures will need to be updated
- Vendor and Payer contracts
- Budgets
- Training Plans
- IT Upgrades

Physicians
- Documentation
- Code Set Training
- Physician Queries

Nurses
- Forms
- Documentation
- Prior Authorization
- Patient Coverage

Physician Queries

Lab
- Documentation
- Reporting
- Order Entry

Billing
- Policies and Procedures
- Training
- Physician Queries
- Patient upset

Coding
- Code Set Training
- Clinical Knowledge
- Concurrent Use of I-9 and I-10
- Physician Queries

Registration
- Updates to systems may impact patient interactions
- Admission data

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Who Will Be Impacted?
## Major Differences

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<td>Codes have 3 to 5 characters</td>
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<td>First character may be alpha or numeric; all other characters are numeric</td>
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<td>Codes do not distinguish between right-sided and left-sided conditions</td>
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<td>Limited number of combination codes</td>
<td>Many combination codes that describe both the underlying disease and the manifestation of the disease</td>
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ICD-10 Coding System – Is More Detailed and Specific

Translation: some codes are one-to-one, BUT ..........often one ICD9 code maps to many ICD10 codes.
How Will The New Codes Look?

ICD-9 Diag. Code:

810.02 Closed fracture of shaft of clavicle

Translates to six possible ICD10 codes

ICD-10 Diag. Codes:

S42.021A Displaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
S42.022A Displaced fracture of shaft of left clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
S42.023A Displaced fracture of shaft of unspecified clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
S42.024A Non-displaced fracture of shaft of right clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
S42.025A Non-displaced fracture of shaft of left clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture
S42.026A Non-displaced fracture of shaft of unspecified clavicle, initial encounter for closed fracture

The transition to ICD-10 does not affect CPT coding for outpatient procedures and physician services.

CPT codes remain the same.

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HOW IS TEXAS HEALTH PHYSICIANS GROUP PREPARING FOR THE CHANGE?
How Is THPG Preparing For the Change?

**Transition**
- During the period leading up to October 1, 2015, various THPG workgroups are completing action plans and education to be “ready” for the transition.

**Information Systems**
- THPG’S supported electronic health records, CareConnect & Allscripts, and other THPG information systems are being revised to store and transmit both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.

**Documentation**
- Introducing certain ICD-10 clinical descriptions and documentation prior to Oct. 1st will facilitate a smooth transition. Clinicians will become familiar with the ICD-10 coding system before the deadline.
How Is THPG Preparing For the Change?

- **Coders**
  - THPG coding staff will complete extensive training to become proficient in the ICD-10 coding system before the deadline.

- **Other Workforce Members**
  - Care managers, patient navigators, practice managers, finance, business office personnel and others will receive role-based ICD-10 training.

- **Physicians and Practitioners**
  - THR & THPG will provide education opportunities for physicians to become familiar with ICD-10 clinical documentation requirements. Offerings include both web-based and instructor led education.
What Should You Do to Prepare?

**Observe**
- Identify how (or if) ICD-9 codes are used in your workflow and job role today.
- Determine if there are department level spreadsheets, databases or reports that store or use ICD-9 codes that are currently used in your job role.

**Plan**
- Talk to your manager or director about any workflow questions well in advance of October 1, 2015 to make sure you are ready for the transition.
- If you identify department level spreadsheets, forms, databases or reports that include ICD-9 codes, work with your leadership to determine if a department level action plan may be needed. Your departmental leadership will coordinate through the appropriate THPG Subgroup or the THPG Steering Committee if needed.

**Act**
- Carry out department level action plans, if any, to be ready for the transition to the ICD-10 coding system on October 1, 2015.
- Seek additional training or resources that might be needed for your job role to achieve a smooth transition.
Additional Resource:

www.TexasHealth.org/ICD-10

Questions?

Please email: icd10@TexasHealth.org