ICD-10 will change everything.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Coder's Roadmap to ICD-10

Below is a full curriculum to prepare coders for the Oct. 1, 2013 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

2011

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Will Change Everything

Step 1
ICD-10-CM 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
ICD-10-CM 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

2012

Step 3
PHASE I ICD-10-CM Code Set Training

- General code set training
- Complete guidelines with ICD-10-CM hands-on exercises
- Pre-requisite to PHASE II Specialty Code Set Training
- 8 hours
- Available Q2, 2012

Step 4
PHASE II ICD-10-CM Specialty Code Set Training

Multi-Specialty *or* **Specialty Specific**

- Multi-specialty or single-specialty
- Advanced, real-world, hands-on coding
- Pre-requisite: PHASE I ICD-10-CM Code Set
- 8 - 16 hours
- Available Q3, 2012

2013

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, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2014)

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