



# THE ROAD TO ICD-10

## HOW ICD-10-CM WILL POSITIVELY AFFECT HEALTHCARE:

- There will be an improved measurement of quality, safety, and efficacy of healthcare
- ICD-10-CM codes are complete. Each code will allow the full diagnostic description of the disease process to be reported for severity of illness and proper reimbursement
- There will be an enhanced payment system design
- There will be more detailed research data for clinical trials and epidemiological studies
- There will be streamlined and less cumbersome healthcare delivery procedures
- It will help prevent fraud and abuse
- It will improve the tracking of public health and risk

## The Benefits

ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS present a number of benefits in building an electronic medical record. These new classifications are better suited for use electronically because they permit a more robust mapping as a result of the SNOMED-CT terms, (which are the foundation of the systems). Both systems are more amenable to computer-assisted coding.

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