

THE ROAD TO ICD-10

As we all know, the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code set changes are coming. In fact, their use will become mandatory on **October 1, 2014**.

Although this is an enormous change that affects all facets of the healthcare system, healthcare professionals are accustomed to continual change in the industry.

Just think: Every year, we incorporate new rules and regulations in the existing IPPS and OPPS systems, not to mention all the regulatory bodies and oversight agencies we deal with daily.

So, while change is rarely easy, healthcare professionals are ready to handle it!

ICD-10-CM & ICD-10-PCS

ICD-10-CM is built upon the current ICD-9-CM classification system. Although the foundation and the overall methodology of code assignment and reimbursement are the same, it features several modified conventions, a new code format, and enhanced nomenclature (naming system). ICD-10-PCS is entirely new, but will not have the impact on all levels of the revenue cycle that ICD-10-CM will have.

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