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ICD-10 Delay: Impact to Network Providers

On April 1, 2014, President Obama signed into law the “Protecting Access to Medicare Act” (HR 4302), otherwise known as the “doc fix.” The legislation blocked a sharp reduction in Medicare payments to providers set to begin on the day of signing. The legislation also contained language prohibiting the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from implementing ICD-10 earlier than October 1, 2015.

As a result of the delay to ICD-10 implementation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will pause provider partner testing. We will continue to work with providers who are already testing with us to complete all submitted test claims in the next 30 days. This pause will remain in effect until the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) has announced further action on ICD-10 implementation and Blue Cross determines the impact of that announcement on our ICD-10 related work. More communication will be forthcoming once Blue Cross receives further guidance from CMS.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.