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ICD-10 Code Structure, Terminology, and Medical Coding Documentation

The ICD-10 federal compliance date of October 1, 2015 is now less than six months away. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is prepared and ready for ICD-10. All Blue Cross business processes and technical systems impacted by ICD-10 will be compliant and ready to accept and adjudicate ICD-10 claims.

ICD-10-CM [International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification] and ICD-10-PCS [International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Procedure Classification System] will replace ICD-9-CM in all healthcare settings–provider and payer–for inpatient and outpatient diagnosis; and inpatient procedure documentation and reporting. ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS include changes in organization and structure, incorporate much greater detail and specificity and have been updated to be consistent with current clinical practices.

Resources

To aid in your transition, Blue Cross has made the following educational materials related to the new ICD-10 code structure available under the ICD-10 compliance link at **providers.bluecrossmn.com.**

ICD-10 diagnosis codes – the job aid
ICD-10 procedure codes – the job aid
Quick reference guide – diagnosis codes
Quick reference guide – procedure codes
Structure of an ICD-10 code

In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has ICD-10 educational materials for providers available at the following webpage. These educational materials can help guide the medical documentation practices which are needed to support the specificity of ICD-10 coding:

http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html

Questions?

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