

# PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **ICD-10 Update: Impact to Network Providers**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) continues to march toward the October 1, 2015, federal compliance date for ICD-10 based on the final rule published by the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) in July, 2014. As of October 1, 2015, ICD-10 is the mandated code set for diagnoses and inpatient procedures. Blue Cross is prepared and ready for ICD-10. All business and technical processes impacted by ICD-10 will be compliant and ready to accept and adjudicate ICD-10 claims.

#### **Providers need to prepare and submit compliant transactions timely**

As of October 1, 2015, Blue Cross will only accept ICD-10 codes for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015. Blue Cross will return any claims with ICD-9 codes for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015. Blue Cross will not extend the timely filing deadlines or advance payments to any providers who fail to comply with the ICD-10 mandate.

Blue Cross has been ICD-10 testing with providers since October, 2013 and Blue Cross will support Minnesota based providers with additional ICD-10 partner testing from March through June, 2015. Blue Cross published detailed information on that process in an October 7, 2014, Provider Quick Points entitled "Provider ICD-10 testing with Blue Cross."

#### **Resources**

In the future, Blue Cross will provide additional informational materials to assist providers in their transition to ICD-10. Currently, providers may also access ICD-10 training materials at [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com) under the ICD-10 compliance link.

In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has numerous ICD-10 resources available at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html).

At this time, CMS states that providers of all sizes should have completed their ICD-10 planning, made their ICD-10 changes, and should be performing internal testing. CMS recommends that external testing with payers should begin in January, 2015.

For further ICD-10 information providers may also consult the Minnesota Department of Health website at [www.health.state.mn.us/auc/icd10/icd10index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/icd10/icd10index.html).

There is a good discussion on provider experience with ICD-10 testing from a local Minnesota provider and through ICD-10 testing with Blue Cross within the March 11, 2014, ICD-10 Readiness presentation link which can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health website listed above.

Providers may also subscribe to the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) website for ICD-10 information, events and testing shared learnings.