

MEMORANDUM

METHODIST The Pathology Center



September 21, 2015

Dear Providers,

On October 1, 2015, the United States transitions from ICD -9 to ICD-10 for billing of medical diagnosis and inpatient hospital procedures. We are writing to remind you that while there is still time to prepare, we are rapidly approaching the October 1 deadline. We ask that beginning October 1, 2015 that your facility provide a valid, numerical, ICD-10 code with all test requests.

Starting on October 1, claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015 will only be accepted by the payers, including Medicare, if they contain a valid ICD-10 code. The Medicare claims processing systems will not have the capability to accept ICD-9 codes for dates of service after September 30, 2015, or accept claims that contain both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.

Complete guidance can be found on the CMS website at www.cms.gov/ICD10. This website offers a number of valuable resources including provider training and videos that offer helpful ICD-10 implementation tips. Your individual EMR systems may also have tools to provide a crosswalk to convert ICD-9 to ICD-10. Please contact your provider for this information.

We would like to direct you to a look up tool provided online by CMS. This tool will allow you to enter the diagnosis and search for the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code.

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/staticpages/icd-10-code-lookup.aspx>

Over time, ICD-10 will improve coordination of a patient's care across providers, advance public health research and emergency response through detection of disease and adverse drug events, support innovative payment models that drive quality of care, and enhance fraud detection efforts.

Please feel free to contact our Client Services Department if you have any questions at 402-354-4541.

Sincerely,

Methodist Hospital Pathology Center
