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RE: ICD-10 Readiness

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider,

Time is drawing near. ICD-10 will soon be here.

Are you ready?

Have you spoken with your clearinghouse or vendor?

**Here are some things to consider:**

The ICD 10 compliance date is October 1, 2014. Compliance for outpatient claims and professional claims will be based on the date of service. Compliance for inpatient claims will be based on date of discharge.

ICD-9 has reached its growth capacity of 13,000 codes. ICD-10 will increase to approximately 69,000 diagnostic codes. ICD-10 allows a provider to give detailed diagnostics on a member's condition. This may seem overwhelming, but concentrate on the codes you use most today and become familiar with the new codes.

Have you updated your practice management systems to determine where codes are stored?

- Scheduling
- Lab/imaging orders
- Referrals
- Medical Records

Please know that inaccurate coding of claims will result in claim denials.

For Older Claims - It's critical to have "older" claims completely managed. This will provide you with a fresh start with ICD-10.

The Department for Medicaid Services, in conjunction with their MMIS fiscal agent, HP Enterprise Services, highly recommends conducting "end to end" testing. HP Enterprise Services plans to begin testing in July.

If you are interested in supporting our testing effort in the capacity of Beta Tester, please e-mail the EDI Helpdesk KY_EDI_Helpdesk@hp.com with the following information:

1. Your trading partner ID with KY Medicaid
2. Company Name
3. Testing Contact information
    a. Testing contact:
    b. Email address:
    c. Phone number:
    d. What claim type are you testing
4. Notifications from KY Medicaid (if different from testing contact)
    a. Contact name:
    b. Email address

Future ICD-10 information, such as: testing dates, testing environments and guidelines will be sent to the trading partner contact you designate in your response.

For more information on ICD-10:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) - http://www.cms.gov/ICD10

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) - http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/5010ICD10

Thank you for your time and attention to this most critical matter. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Most Sincerely,

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