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IMPLEMENTATION OF ICD-10

All Kentucky Medicaid Providers
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Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

The ICD-10 transition date is approaching quickly. As of October 1, 2015, providers are required to use ICD-10 codes in place of ICD-9 codes. The Department for Medicaid Services is offering assistance to our providers. It is essential that your practice be prepared for this transition because only claims coded with ICD-10 will be processed and paid for services on or after October 1, 2015

Are you prepared?

- Do you understand ICD-10 code sets and have a plan to utilize these codes in place of existing ICD-9 codes?
- Are you knowledgeable concerning the CMS rules regarding dates of service, how to handle claims spanning the October 1, 2015 implementation date?
- Do you bill electronically?
- Does your practice management software come with an ICD-10 upgrade?
- Do you need recertification for services requiring prior authorizations?

The Department's approach aligns with CMS guidelines as follows:

- No span-dated claims.
- Claims must be split, with the exception of inpatient hospital claims.
- Inpatient hospital claims will be processed using the discharge date, with dates of October 1, 2015 requiring ICD-10 codes.
- Claims will not be accepted if they have a combination of ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes.

For providers who bill electronically:

- Has your software vendor provide an ICD-10 upgrade?
- Some vendors provide updates to CPT/ICD codes periodically and some do not.
- In most cases, electronic claims are submitted using an automated software process.
- The Department continues to offer an opportunity for testing claims and files using ICD-10.



- Testing gives you the opportunity to ensure your claims will be processed and analyze the financial outcomes.

ICD-10 transition also impacts new prior authorizations and certifications. Any new prior authorization or new certification will require an ICD-10 diagnosis as of October 1, 2015. You will not need to obtain a new prior authorization if there is already an existing one in the system.

All Kentucky Medicaid fee-for-service providers have the opportunity to test with us before October 1, 2015. Contact us for details on testing opportunities at ky_edi_helpdesk@hp.com and include ICD-10 Testing Collaboration in the subject line.

For further information and guidance on the upcoming ICD-10 transition, please visit the CMS ICD-10 website: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/ICD10>.

Sincerely,



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