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***ICD-9 to ICD-10***  
***What's the Big Deal?***

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- Services Provided:
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  2. Home Health Outsource Billing
  3. Home Health Outsource Medical Coding
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# History of ICD-10

- Australia began 1998 with government assuming responsibility for training
- Every coder went to a 2 day government training
- They required experience with ICD-9 prior
- Deemed 4 years was inadequate



# History of ICD-10

- Canada began ICD-10 in 2001 and are not finished
  - Three stages of training
    - 21 hours independent study
    - 2 day workshop
    - Self learning
- Did not require prior knowledge of ICD-9



# ICD-10-CM

- ICD-9-CM codes will be discontinued
- ICD-10-CM implementation Date: October 1, 2014
- Currently 14,500 ICD-9 codes.
- More than 70,000 ICD-10 codes
- Cross walk provided to ICD-10-CM codes
- ICD-10 codes considered more logically organized, detailed and clinically accurate
- Expands data collection necessity
- Official guidelines for coding and reporting  
[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd10/10cmguidelines\\_2013\\_final.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd10/10cmguidelines_2013_final.pdf)



# ICD-10-CM

- Major impact on software vendors
- Be prepared for expense of training coder(s)
- Assists in identification of fraud & abuse
- Conversion is a requirement with no exceptions
- Coding will drive reimbursement and enable tracking of services provided therefore accuracy is more important than ever.



# ICD-10-CM

- Start process of familiarization with use of GEM's (General Equivalence Mappings)
- GEM's assist in converting data from ICD-9 to ICD-10
- Informative website to assist with GEM's  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2013-ICD-10-CM-and-GEMs.html>
- GEM's not a substitute for learning how to code with ICD-10
- Test translating between the ICD-9 and ICD-10 Diagnosis Code Sets





# ICD-10-CM Code Set Description

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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First character: section

Second character: body system

Third character: root operation

Fourth character: body part

Fifth character: approach

Sixth character: device

Seventh character: qualifier

- Coding is performed by primarily using tables in which the above characters appear.



# ICD-10-CM Code Set Example

- The following example identifies the meaning of each character of the code.

Right knee joint replacement = 0SRD0JZ

0 = Medical and Surgical Section

S = Lower Joints

R = Replacement

D = Knee Joint, Right

0 = Open

J = Synthetic Substitute

Z = No Qualifier



## Different Definitions of Familiar Terms

- **Revision:** Correcting, to the extent possible, a malfunctioning or displaced device
- **Removal:** Taking out or off a device from a body part
- **Excision:** Cutting out or off, without replacement, a portion of a body part
- **Resection:** Cutting out or off, without replacement, all of a body part
- **Occlusion:** Completely closing an orifice or lumen of a tubular body part



## Differences Between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM

- **ICD-9-CM Diagnoses Codes:**
  - ➤ 3–5 digits;
  - ➤ First digit is alpha (E or V) or numeric (alpha characters are not case sensitive);
  - ➤ Digits 2–5 are numeric; and
  - ➤ Decimal is used after third character.
- Examples:
  - 496 – Chronic airway obstruction, not elsewhere classified (NEC);
  - 511.9 – Unspecified pleural effusion; and
  - V02.61 – Hepatitis B carrier.



## Differences Between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM

- **ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes:**
  - ➤ 3–7 digits;
  - ➤ Digit 1 is alpha; Digit 2 is numeric;
  - ➤ Digits 3–7 are alpha or numeric (alpha characters are not case sensitive); and
  - ➤ Decimal is used after third character.
- Examples:
  - A78 – Q fever;
  - A69.21 – Meningitis due to Lyme disease; and
  - S52.131A – Displaced fracture of neck of right radius, initial encounter for closed fracture.



# ICD-10-CM

- There may be multiple ICD-9-CM codes for a single ICD-10 code; and
- There may be multiple ICD-10 codes for a single ICD-9-CM code.
- The letter U is not used in ICD-10-CM
- The 7<sup>th</sup> placeholder is always alpha
- The word “with” means includes, the word “and” means either or



# ICD-10-CM

- **HELPFUL WEB SITES**

**General ICD-10 Information**

**<http://www.cms.gov/ICD10>**.

**General Equivalence Mappings and User's Guides**

**[http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/13\\_2010\\_ICD10PCS.asp](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/13_2010_ICD10PCS.asp)**

**[http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/12\\_2010\\_ICD\\_10\\_CM.asp](http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/12_2010_ICD_10_CM.asp)**



# ICD-10-CM

- Website to obtain information about training and electronic and bound versions of ICD-10

<http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en/>

- To obtain assistance in using ICD-10 contact NCHS's Data Dissemination Branch at:

(301) 458-4636 (voice)

(301) 458-4027 (fax)





# ICD-10-CM

- **Other helpful websites**

ICD-10 web page:

[www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm)

NCHS mortality web page

[www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/mortdata.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/mortdata.htm)

NCHS web page

[www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)



# Getting Started

## **What to do NOW to prepare for the conversion**

- Begin by talking to your software vendor. Ask if the necessary software updates will be installed in time for testing prior to the conversion date.
- Talk to your clearinghouses, billing service, and payers. Determine when they will have their ICD-10 upgrades completed and when you can begin testing with them.
- Identify the changes that you need to make in your practice to convert to the ICD-10 code set. For example, your diagnosis coding tools, public health reporting tools, etc.



# Getting Started

- Identify staff training needs and complete the necessary training.
- Conduct internal testing to make sure you can generate transactions you send with the ICD-10 codes.
- Conduct external testing with your clearinghouses and payers to make sure you can send and receive transactions with the ICD-10 codes.



# Strategies

- Invest in training programs
- Pay to send staff to classes/school
- Outsource
- Outsource for training period



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# Questions?