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ICD-10 Notification

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10-CM/PCS) for diagnosis and procedure coding on October 1, 2015. In accordance with CMS, medical claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015 will only be accepted for reimbursement if they contain a valid ICD-10 code.

In an effort to provide the medical community additional time to prepare, the State Board of Workers' Compensation will adopt ICD-10-CM/PCS along with CMS' implementation date of October 1, 2015, ***with a grace period through November 1, 2015***. This means that medical providers who are prepared to submit medical claims for reimbursement in ICD-10 and those who are prepared to accept medical claims for processing reimbursement in ICD-10 can do so beginning October 1, 2015. However, if medical providers submit medical claims for reimbursement in ICD-9 within the November 1, 2015 grace period, they shall not be denied processing/reimbursement for that reason. Likewise, the same policy will apply to payers if they are unable to receive medical claims for processing/reimbursement in ICD-10.

ICD-10-CM/PCS codes are used based on the date of medical service provided and not on the date of injury of the workers' compensation claim. If a claimant has been receiving medical treatment prior to the ICD-10 implementation and ICD-9 diagnosis/procedures codes were used for billing during that time, ICD-10 shall be the new diagnosis/procedure coding methodology used for submission of medical claims on or after October 1, 2015, with the grace period noted above providing additional time through November 1, 2015.

Resources:

- CMS has provided a great deal of information and tools to assist with ICD-10 education and training at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html> and <http://www.roadto10.org/> in preparation for the upcoming change.
- In order to accommodate the increase in characters within the ICD-10 code set and the necessary fields required for electronic billing, CMS implemented the National Uniform Claim Committee's (NUCC) revised 1500 Claim Form, version 02/12. Additional information on the CMS 1500 (02/12) can be found at http://www.nucc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=196&Itemid=112
- Link to CMS/AMA Joint Announcement and Guidance Regarding ICD-10 Flexibilities (for physicians and other practitioners) Q & A <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/AMA-CMS-press-release-letterhead-07-05-15.pdf>