What happens October 1, 2015?

On that date, the United States joins many other countries by adopting ICD-10 as its national health coding standard. ICD-10 (shorthand for the “International Classification of Diseases – 10th version”) is the updated code set for classifying and reporting diseases and procedures in records and reimbursement claims. It is managed domestically by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Compared with current ICD-9 standards, ICD-10 codes provide for improved classification of diseases through a more detailed coding structure. Through this detailed structure, available diagnostic codes grow from 14,315 to 69,099, and procedure codes grow from 4,000 to 72,000 under ICD-10 PCS.

The rollout of ICD-10 is not solely a billing or technology issue. The transition touches many, if not all, ProMedica business units, departments, employees, and providers. ProMedica is preparing for the ICD-10 transition by providing comprehensive training and education for more than 7,000 employees and providers. This brochure outlines the provider-focused training and education resources.

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High-Quality & Efficient Care

The documentation tips, diagnosis (coding) tools and online courses in ProMedica’s ICD-10 provider toolkit are designed to help deliver high-quality and efficient care while increasing safety. Providers serve an important role in our ICD-10 conversion. By familiarizing themselves with these tools and other preparatory aides, providers will be prepared to document patient care to the level of specificity required after Oct. 1, 2015.

The toolkit’s creation is part of ProMedica’s broader ICD-10 readiness plan. Overseeing that plan is an ICD-10 Steering Committee, supported by multiple project teams.

Representatives from Health Information Management (HIM) and coding, ProMedica Physicians, Medical Staff, clinical and business functions, Information Technology Services, finance, revenue cycle and Paramount have worked together to study and implement the changes. As an example of this cooperation, ProMedica worked with technology vendors to evaluate and test dozens of clinical, operational and financial systems for individual and interoperability compliance. Those systems include electronic health record, billing, accounting, case management, and coding.

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ICD-10 diagnosis codes have between 3 and 7 characters:

- Codes with three characters are included in ICD-10-CM as the heading of a category of codes that may be further subdivided by the use of any or all of the fourth, fifth and sixth characters. Digits 4 – 6 provide greater detail of etiology, anatomical site and severity. A code using only the first three digits is to be used only if it is not further subdivided.

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ICD-10-CM Code Format

- X X X
- X X
- X X X
- X X
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ICD-9-CM Code Format

- X X X
- X X
- X X X
- X X
- X X X

ICD-10-CM Code Structure of ICD-10-CM vs. ICD-9-CM

ICD-10-CM codes may consist of up to seven digits, with the seventh digit extensions representing visit encounter or sequelae for injuries and external causes.

ICD-9-CM Code Format

- X X X
- X X
- X X X
- X X
- X X X

ICD-10-CM Code Format

- X X X
- X X
- X X X
- X X
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DOCUMENTATION TIPS

ProMedica’s Health Information Management (HIM) team has created 79 documentation tips to aid providers. Compliant with national coding guidelines, the content was developed after a detailed review of ProMedica medical records. By documenting at an accurate level of specificity for a diagnosis, condition, disease, and/or surgical procedure, providers can improve compliance, patient care, clinical research data, and proper reimbursement for services. The tips can be downloaded individually or as one of 15 groups: Cancer; Gastrointestinal; Heart and vascular; Musculoskeletal/Orthopedics; Neonatology; Nephrology; Neurology; Newborn; Pediatrics; Primary care; Psychiatry; Pulmonary; Orthopaedics; Surgery; and Women’s/Obstetrics.

DIAGNOSIS (CODING) TOOLS

ProMedica Physicians created these tools from our system’s Top 50 ICD-9 diagnosis codes by specialty. Those codes were then translated into the applicable ICD-10 diagnosis codes. (As a result, these diagnosis coding tools are not all-inclusive.) The 33 tools can be used as a guide when assigning a diagnosis to a hospital or office evaluation and management (E&M) visit. Among the tools are those covering cardiology, family practice, obstetrics, pediatrics, diabetes, and orthopaedics. (It is recommended that providers use the ICD-10-CM coding manual along with the coding tools to enhance coding accuracy.)

ONLINE COURSES

To help with ICD-10 training and education, ProMedica Medical Staff education and HIM have introduced more than 40 videos and e-learning courses. The 23-video series is produced by 3M Consulting Services. Topics range from anesthesiology to urology, and can be accessed at my.promedica.org/provider. The 20-module ICD-10 e-learning series is available through HealthStream, ProMedica’s online learning management system. In 2015, ProMedica expanded HealthStream access to cover its entire medical staff community, including all credentialed non-employed providers. Optum produced the modules, which can be started, stopped and restarted at the provider’s convenience.