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**TO: All Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Providers**

**FROM: CBAS Branch**

**DATE: April 29, 2015**

**SUBJECT: International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10)  
Transition**

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This fax is being sent to provide information on the upcoming conversion to ICD-10 billing codes that affect all CBAS providers.

**For More Information:**

Access the CDA CBAS website at:

[www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/ADHC-CBAS/Default.asp](http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/ADHC-CBAS/Default.asp)

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Date: April 29, 2015

To: Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Center Administrators and Program Directors

From: CBAS Branch

Subject: International Classification of Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Revision (ICD-10) Implementation Effective October 1, 2015

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**Purpose**

This letter provides information regarding the upcoming transition and implementation of the ICD-10 codes in all billing activities, including links to resources and training.

**Why the Transition to ICD-10?**

Federal regulations require ICD-10 codes to be implemented effective October 1, 2015. The current ICD-9 billing codes produce limited data about patients' medical conditions and hospital inpatient procedures, as well as use outdated and obsolete terms that are not consistent with current medical practices. Also, the structure of ICD-9 limits the number of new codes that can be created, and many ICD-9 categories are full. The ICD-10 codes are alphanumeric and longer in sequence, thus allowing them to provide a higher level of description.

**Who Needs to Transition?**

ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicare or Medicaid claims. For HIPAA-covered entities, the transition to ICD-10 is not an option. All CBAS providers are HIPAA-covered entities.

**When is the Transition?**

Implementation for the ICD-10 codes is October 1, 2015. ICD-9 codes must be used through September 30, 2015, however, ICD-9 procedure and diagnosis codes can no longer be used for health care services provided on or after October 1, 2015 (e.g. all authorization requests with an October 1, 2015 start date must be submitted with ICD-10 codes). There is no grace period for the conversion.

**How to Prepare for the ICD-10 Transition**

Providers should check with their billing service, clearinghouse, or software vendor about their compliance plans.

The software vendors who currently provide services to CBAS centers are:

- Correlink (<http://correlink.com/>)
  - Steve Braker ([sbraker@correlink.com](mailto:sbraker@correlink.com))

- RTZ Associates, Inc. (<http://rtzassociates.com/>)
  - Laura Emery ([laura@rtzassociates.com](mailto:laura@rtzassociates.com))
- TurboTar (<http://www.turbotar.com/>)
  - Renee Nashtut ([rnashtut@turbotar.com](mailto:rnashtut@turbotar.com))

Providers who handle billing internally should plan for all appropriate staff, including but not limited to medical coding, clinical, finance, and management, to coordinate on ICD-10 transition efforts.

### ***Training***

Limited training opportunities are available. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting two free ICD-10 trainings at DHCS on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. See the attached flyer for details and registration information.

### ***Resources***

Many resources are available regarding ICD-10 compliance.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has developed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that can be found at:

[http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/hipaa/hipaa\\_icd10\\_faqs.asp](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/hipaa/hipaa_icd10_faqs.asp).

More information about ICD-10 is available on the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/>.

CMS has also developed an FAQ specifically for the Medicare Fee-For-Service Program, which includes links to many resources:

<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/September-2013-ICD-10-CM-PCS-Billing-Payment-FAQs-Fact-Sheet-ICN908974.pdf>

Providers may also submit ICD-10 related questions to the DHCS ICD-10 mailbox at:

[ICD-10Medi-Cal@xerox.com](mailto:ICD-10Medi-Cal@xerox.com).

CDA will update CBAS providers on additional resources and guidance as they become available.

### ***Questions***

For questions about this letter, please call the CBAS Branch at (916) 419-7545 or email us at:

[cbascda@aging.ca.gov](mailto:cbascda@aging.ca.gov).

# ICD-10 "ROAD TO 10": ICD-10 Implementation Guidance



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is excited to offer **free** ICD-10 training. The presentation objectives for ICD-10: The Road Forward includes:

- Study the basics, differences, and benefits of ICD-10
- Explore common codes, primers for clinical documentation, clinical scenarios, and
- Create a customized Action Plan, personalized by specialty and practice details.

## DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

**Date:** May 5, 2015

**Time:** Morning Session: 9-11 AM; Afternoon Session: 1-3 PM

**Location:** California Department of Health Care Services| East End Complex Auditorium|1500 Capitol Ave.|  
| Sacramento, California 95814|

## TOPICS:

Designed for physicians and practice managers, this educational session will offer background and strategies on ICD-10 implementation. The presentation will cover the following topics:

- Overview of ICD-10
- Clinical/Business Impacts of ICD-10
- Customizable Action Plan
- Documentation Requirements for Common Health Conditions
- Interactive Practice Clinical Scenarios
- Resources

## REGISTRATION:

**Click:** [Register for Sacramento Morning Session](#) ; [Register for Sacramento Afternoon Session](#)

OR please visit: <http://www.roadto10.org> and refer to the "Events" tab location on the left hand navigation bar.

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