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## ICD-10 Prior Authorizations

On August 4, 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published final rule CMS-0043-F, titled "Administrative Simplification: Change to the Compliance Date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) Medical Data Code Sets", which mandates that providers comply with the date of October 1, 2015, for the use of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets and also mandates that providers continue to use the ICD-9 code sets through date of service September 30, 2015.

The ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS accommodate new diagnoses and procedures unaccounted for in the ICD-9 code sets and allow for greater specificity of diagnosis-related groups. The transition to the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets allows for improved accuracy in payment, fraud detection, and diagnoses analysis by and for the health care system.

Prior authorization (PA) requests for all services **received** on or after October 1, 2015 must use ICD-10 diagnosis codes.

Services that occur on and after October 1, 2015, for which prior authorization has already been secured, need not be modified by the provider. Claims for these services with dates of service or dates of discharge on and after October 1, 2015 will need to be submitted with ICD-10 codes.

### Examples:

1. A prior authorization was received in July 2015 for rental equipment for six months. The prior authorization will not need to be resubmitted with ICD-10 codes for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015. Claims for dates of service of September 30, 2015 and before will need to be submitted with ICD-9 codes. Claims for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015 will need to be submitted with ICD-10 codes.
2. An inpatient prior authorization is submitted on October 10, 2015 for a patient that was admitted on August 8, 2015 and Discharged on August 11, 2015. The authorization request must use ICD-9 codes and the claim must be submitted using ICD-9 codes.

For additional ICD-10 information and available provider training resources please visit the [CMS ICD-10 Website](#). The [Provider Resources](#) section of the website has helpful fact sheets, checklists, timelines, and other resources to help practices transition to ICD-10. Keep up to date on ICD-10 by visiting the department's dedicated web page at the following link.

[www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P\\_012571](http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/icd10information/P_012571)

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