

ICD-10 - Frequently Asked Questions

Will South Dakota Medicaid accept ICD-9 claims for dates of service after October 1, 2015?

For all discharges and dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes must be submitted using ICD-10 codes. Claims for discharges and dates of service prior to October 1, 2015 should be submitted using the ICD-9 codes. Claims will deny if the diagnosis code submitted for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, is not an ICD-10 code.

How do I code a claim for dates of service that span the ICD-10 implementation date?

A split billing process has been developed for these cases. Please refer to [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) guidelines](#) for specific information by bill type

What resources or information will be provided by South Dakota Medicaid to ensure that providers are using appropriate ICD-10 codes?

DSS will be publishing updated billing materials on our website. Additional resources can be found [here](#).

Will South Dakota Medicaid accept files with both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes?

ICD codes are driven by date of service. If the date of service is prior to 10/01/15, ICD-9 codes should be used; but if the date of service is on or after 10/01/15, ICD-10 codes should be used. South Dakota Medicaid is able to accept both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes in the same file, as long as the claim is properly coded with ICD-9 codes for dates of service prior to 10/01/15, and ICD-10 codes for dates of service on or after 10/01/15.

Will South Dakota Medicaid conduct testing?

Yes. South Dakota Medicaid will be testing with partners and providers. We have issued a provider readiness survey that will help inform provider readiness to test with us. Frequently check the ICD-10 [webpage](#) and watch for additional communication regarding testing.

Who is impacted by the transition to ICD-10?

All entities covered under HIPAA must transition to ICD-10. This includes providers, payers, and clearinghouses. If you are unsure if you are covered under HIPAA, please check the [CMS webpage](#) regarding HIPAA covered entities.

Will providers need new provider agreements because of ICD-10?

No. Provider agreements do not contain procedure or diagnosis codes; therefore, no changes are necessary.

Does/will South Dakota Medicaid use diagnosis codes to adjudicate dental claims?

South Dakota Medicaid currently does not use diagnosis codes for processing dental claims. Oral surgeons that submit claims to Medicaid on a HCFA 1500 form will use ICD-10 codes.

How are ICD-10 Codes Different from ICD-9 Codes?

Many resources are available that describe the differences between the two code sets. The most basic differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes are listed below.

ICD-9 Codes

Three to five characters
Approx. 14,000 diagnosis codes
Approx. 4,000 procedure codes
Does not include laterality
Has no place holders
holders

ICD-10 Codes

Up to seven characters
Approx. 69,000 diagnosis codes
Approx. 72,000 procedure codes
Diagnosis codes include laterality
Diagnosis codes can include place

Will the claims submission process for South Dakota Medicaid remain the same after the ICD-10 implementation?

Yes.

Will South Dakota Medicaid offer training? Where can I find training for my staff?

South Dakota Medicaid will offer an ICD-10 Awareness Training webinar that will be posted to the South Dakota ICD-10 webpage and will be available on-demand. Additionally, South Dakota Medicaid will facilitate a series of live webinars hosted by an ICD-10 trainer. Frequently check the South Dakota ICD-10 [webpage](#) for updates on training opportunities.

How will the ICD-10 implementation affect my payment?

The transition to ICD-10 does not impact South Dakota Medicaid's fee schedules, nor will payment cycle schedules be impacted. You will continue to receive Remittance Advices in accordance with the current schedule.

If I transition early to ICD-10, will CMS be able to process my claims?

No. South Dakota Medicaid will only be able to process ICD-10 codes for claims with dates of service for October 1, 2015 or after.

To whom do I direct specific ICD-10 questions?

Send ICD-10 questions to ICD10@state.sd.us.

Can I "opt out" of ICD-10 by submitting paper claims?

No. The Federal mandate applies to all claims. There is no exception for paper claims.