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ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

FROM: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: ICD-10 Update

ICD-10 Compliance Date: October 1, 2015

26 Days until Go-Live!!

If you believe that your practice will not be ready to submit claims with ICD-10 codes effective 10/1/2105, please contact SD Medicaid so that we may work with you on preparing for this major change. You may call Lori Lawson, Deputy Medicaid Director, at 605.773.3495 or email us at ICD10@state.sd.us.

If your practice will be changing from electronic to paper filing for any length of time during the transition to ICD-10 please contact us now and let us know so that we can ensure your payments are not delayed.

SD Medicaid Testing Window for ICD-10 is closed.

The ICD-10 testing period for SD Medicaid officially closed on August 31, 2015. All test claims needed to be submitted by that date to be considered for testing. However, in an effort to ensure Medicaid providers are ready to submit claims we will make exceptions on a case-by-case basis through the next few weeks.

If you are still interested in testing with us and would like to request an extension, please send us an email ICD10@state.sd.us. All requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Clearinghouses and Billing Agents Cannot Code the Claims

Clearinghouses and billing agents offer excellent services for providers, and most of them are ready to assist their provider clients with ICD-10 claims submissions. However, they are not able to code the provider's claims with the correct ICD-10 codes because code assignment should be based on documentation contained with the patient's medical record. Similarly, billing agents and clearinghouses are not able to translate ICD-9 coded claims for providers either. This is yet another reason for all providers to make ICD-10 readiness a priority before October 1st. ICD-10 resources can be found at:

- <http://www.icd9data.com/>
 - Free index, tabular and translation
- <https://www.aapc.com/icd-10/codes/>
 - 30 day free trial but then pay to use
- www.CMS.gov/ICD10
 - Free download of codes and descriptions
- <http://www.roadto10.org/>
 - CMS resource that lists potential ICD-10 codes by specialty

Last Minute Preparedness Tips

1. Call your vendors—right now.
2. Get your staff trained quickly.
3. Focus on your top 10-15 diagnosis codes.
4. Remind everyone in the practice to watch acknowledgement reports
5. Talk with your Payers

For the full article, go to: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/ama-wire/post/last-minute-guide-prepping-icd-10>

If you have questions or concerns please contact us as soon as possible so that we can assist with solutions. You may contact us at:

- Telephone Services Unit
 - (800) 452-7692 –In-State
 - (605) 945-5006 –Out-of-State
- SD Medicaid ICD-10 Mailbox:
 - ICD10@state.sd.us

Thank you,

ICD-10 Project Team
South Dakota Medicaid