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**ATTENTION: South Dakota Medicaid Providers**

**FROM: South Dakota Medicaid**

**RE: ICD-10 Testing Update**

Good afternoon,

South Dakota has officially started End-to-End testing (E2E) for the transition to ICD-10 coding on October 2, 2015. As of today, 48 trading partners have been contacted to begin testing. Of those, sixteen (16) are already testing, or are ready to test. Two organizations have said that they are not planning to test. Please reach out to your Billing Agent and/or Clearinghouse and encourage them to test with South Dakota Medicaid. Also, if you have Practice Management Software and have not heard from your vendor about updates required for ICD-10 please contact them to ensure your ICD-10 readiness.

If you submit claims directly to South Dakota Medicaid you can also submit test files. Please contact us at [ICD10@state.sd.us](mailto:ICD10@state.sd.us) if you would like to test. You will be contacted in the coming weeks with additional information and instructions. Please visit our [ICD-10 Testing](#) website for more information.

As South Dakota Medicaid has been performing system testing, one of the first lessons learned is regarding the challenges associated with the ICD-10 diagnosis codes themselves.

Specifically, alpha numeric codes are difficult to decipher and could affect payment and/or timeliness of payment.

Examples of these include similarities between letters and numbers:

- O vs 0
- L vs I
- I vs 1
- Z vs 2
- S vs 5

If you will be submitting paper claims with ICD-10 codes, please be sure to pay close attention to the legibility of the codes submitted. This legibility issue may cause inaccurate payments if the codes are misinterpreted. One way to avoid this issue is to sign up for electronic filing.

Please email us at [ICD10@state.sd.us](mailto:ICD10@state.sd.us) if you would like information on how to file electronic claims.

Thank you,

ICD-10 Project Team  
South Dakota Medicaid