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Since my last communication to the DPH ICD-10 contacts in April, there has been quite a lot going on so I wanted to provide agency contacts with a short update. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- The comment period for the proposed rule to extend the ICD-10 compliance date by one year (to Oct. 1, 2014) concluded the end of May. The comments received regarding the one year extension are widely varied (anywhere from no delay to never implement). CMS has not provided a projected date for the final rule to be published but hopefully we will hear something in July. I will notify the DPH ICD-10 contacts as soon as the final rule is published. As stated in my last communication, DPH is moving forward with Implementation plans so we will be prepared if there is no delay.
- The DPH ICD-10-CM comprehensive coding training modules are in development.
 - In late July/early August, the DPH ICD-10 Implementation Team members will complete Comprehensive ICD-10-CM coding training.
 - It is anticipated that Comprehensive ICD-10-CM coding training will take 2 business days.
 - The goals of the training that will be presented to the DPH Implementation Team members is:
 - To train Implementation Team members on proper techniques for coding with ICD-10-CM to prepare them for upcoming project activities (e.g., Clinical Documentation Assessment pilots) and to aid in the review of future project deliverables.
 - To validate the effectiveness of coding training done via Webinar.
 - To determine the amount of time required for Comprehensive Training and evaluate the best approach for Specialized training.
 - To assess the appropriateness and adequacy of the training materials so changes/enhancements can be made before training is offered statewide to stakeholders.
(Note: We want to ensure that the training is relevant to the business of DPH stakeholders)
- The Clinical Documentation Assessment tool and process draft has been completed. The DPH ICD-10 Implementation Team will pilot the tool and process in August 2012. This deliverable will be modified as needed following completion of the pilots before it is distributed statewide. Pilot sites are being identified by participants on the DPH Implementation Team. Pilots will include:
 - Franklin County LHD (with primary care)
 - Macon County LHD (no primary care)
 - LHD that has EMR in place for 6 months (a member of the Implementation Team is discussing their participation with management)
 - Rural Health clinic (Office of Rural Health and Community Care to identify agency)
 - CDSA (pilot site under consideration)
 - Office of Chief Medical Examiner
- In accordance with the current project schedule, Comprehensive ICD-10-CM coding training would be offered to those DPH stakeholders statewide who are working on their agency's implementation during late September and October 2012 so the local implementation team members can conduct their Clinical Documentation Assessments following the training. Once the feds release the final rule and the compliance date is finalized, the Implementation Team will re-evaluate the schedule to determine any adjustments that need to be made in the schedule dates. If your agency has not yet ordered the 2012 ICD-10-CM code books, you may want to first look at the download the 2012 pdf version (12/01/2011 10:26AM 15,762,350 [ICD10CM_2012_Full_PDF.zip](#)) from the CDC website at ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Publications/ICD10CM/2012/. If you determine that the downloaded pdf files are user friendly, you may choose to use those for coding training. I personally prefer the code book but wanted to make sure you were aware of the pdf option.
- Just a reminder that the DPH website is now being used for DPH ICD-10-CM Implementation information and is located at <http://publichealth.nc.gov/lhd/icd10/>