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Attachments are on the website under Training/Training Resources: WBS 2 4 ICD-10-CM Training Plan v2.0.doc; Scenarios for ICD-10 Training for Contacts.doc

The proposed rule change to delay ICD-10 compliance for one year to 10/1/2014 was published yesterday in the Federal Register and there will be a 30-day comment period. The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) has projected the final rule will be posted in June 2012 but that may be an aggressive date since there are other major HIPAA rules included in the same proposed rule (e.g., standards for unique health plan identifier; addition to the NPI requirements). Therefore, DPH is assuming the final rule will be published in July or August 2012 and decisions related to the Project Schedule have been made based on that assumption.

The DPH ICD-10 Implementation Team met on Monday and one of the main topics of discussion was the proposed delay of the ICD-10 compliance date and the activities that the DPH ICD-10 Implementation Project should move forward with and those that should be delayed. Below are decisions of the Implementation Team:

Business Impact Assessment: The ICD-10-CM Business Impact Assessment Tool has been piloted for DPH, CDSAs and local health departments. The original plan was to send out the tool and instructions this week. However, the DPH ICD-10 Implementation Team has decided that distribution of the tool should be delayed until the proposed rule to delay the federally mandated compliance is finalized. The rationale for this is that some business processes may change over the next few months as agencies implement changes for Meaningful Use compliance, install software for electronic medical records, etc. If a local agency wishes to proceed with their Business Impact Assessment, just let me know and I will be glad to send you the tool and instructions. The Implementation Team also decided that training on use of the tool would be beneficial to both DPH and local agencies so I will work on development of the training to ensure it is ready when the final rule is published and the final compliance date is known.

Training Plan: The Implementation Team approved the ICD-10-CM Training Plan which is attached. This plan will provide ICD-10 contacts with more detailed information about the type of training that has been and will continue to be developed. Within the Education Matrix (imbedded in the attached plan), the dates for much of the training remains blank and will be filled in once the final rule is published. If you have any questions related to the Training Plan (or Education Matrix that is imbedded in the plan), please let me know.

Introduction to ICD-10 training: The training slides and recorded Webinar are available on the ICD-10 website under Training. This training was recorded before CMS announced the proposed rule to extend the compliance date by one year. Agencies can certainly use this training for any staff needing an introduction to ICD-10, in regional meetings or conferences, etc. The training will be updated if the compliance date is extended. If anyone wants the Power Point version of the training, just let me know.

Clinical Documentation Assessment tool and process: I will move forward with development of the Clinical Documentation Assessment tool and process, scheduled to be completed in May 2012 and the Implementation Team will proceed with the pilot of the tool and process in August 2012. Before doing the pilot, the Implementation Team members must complete ICD-10-CM Comprehensive training in July 2012 so development of the training materials over the next few months will proceed. However, decisions on dates for training local agency Implementation Team members will be made after the final rule is published.

Training Scenarios to be used in ICD-10-CM training materials: Attached are training scenarios that have been submitted by Implementation Team members for the LHDs, CDSAs and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. These scenarios will be incorporated into the training materials for ICD-10-CM practice exercises. Our goal is to have scenarios that represent the majority of client conditions seen by local agencies. **I would love to have more scenarios since the best way to learn ICD-10-CM is through coding practice and would certainly appreciate any different scenarios you can provide.**

Readiness Assessment tools: DPH will maintain the current schedule for development of readiness assessment tools and monitoring of system and interface readiness since system changes to accommodate ICD-10-CM should proceed, thus allowing more time for testing if the compliance date is delayed.

If compliance date is extended, the current baselined Project Schedule will be modified and re-baselined. Some benefits of the proposed delay would be:

- Additional time to modify/enhance training materials
- Additional time to pilot the use of a Learning Management System (LMS) to determine if a LMS will be a viable solution for coding training
- Delay all planned training for DPH staff and local agencies by 6 months – this will give DPH staff and local agencies additional time to do their Clinical Documentation Assessments and develop internal Clinical Documentation Improvement initiatives, test system changes, test with third party payers, etc.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact me.