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There are 2 news items I wanted to share with you. First is an affirmation from CMS that the compliance date for the transition to ICD-10-CM will be October 1, 2014 – no further delays (letter attached). Secondly, to help providers meet the compliance date, CMS has released some new resources (checklists and timelines) that local agency ICD-10 Implementation Teams may find useful as they plan for the transition. Click on the links below to access the new CMS resources.

For Local Health Departments, DPH consulting staff and Office of Rural Health: Attached is the current roster for the training taking place in April and May. I will continue to accept new registrants but please note that the coding class on April 23-24 is closed to new registrants since it is full.

If anyone has any questions or wishes to be removed from this e-mail group for ICD-10 contacts, please email me at Sarah.Brooks@dhhs.nc.gov . Thanks!!

CMS: No further delays in ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will maintain their commitment to the current ICD-10-CM/PCS compliance date of October 1, 2014, according to a [letter](#) sent to AHIMA President Kathleen A. Frawley, JD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA. The letter was sent in response to AHIMA's call for CMS to stand firm on its ICD-10 implementation date after more than 80 physician groups represented by the American Medical Association [called on CMS](#) in January to delay or abandon the ICD-10 conversion. CMS' Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner formally declined the request in a letter sent February 6, stating a halt of implementation "would be costly, burdensome, and would eliminate the impending benefits" of ICD-10, according to an American Academy of Family Physicians [blog post](#).

CMS Releases ICD-10 Checklists and Timelines

To help you prepare for ICD-10, CMS has released new [checklists and timelines](#) for small and medium provider practices, large provider practices, small hospitals, and payers. These resources are designed to give you a high-level understanding of what the ICD-10 transition requires and how your ICD-10 preparations compare with recommended timeframes.

Checklists: The [checklists](#) offer easy-to-understand lists of tasks that CMS recommends completing before the October 1, 2014, ICD-10 deadline. Each task also includes an estimated timeframe, allowing you to plan based on your current progress. Depending on your organization, you may be able perform some of the tasks on a compressed timeline or at the same time as other tasks.

Timelines: The [timelines](#) are an at-a-glance resource for getting a sense of how your transition is moving forward. The timelines provide a visual guide to key transition activities by phase.

You can use the [checklists and timelines](#) to identify where you need to focus your efforts. Then you can consult the more in-depth ICD-10 resources available on the CMS website.