

DPH ICD-10-CM Implementation Project - Progress Report NCALHD Technology Committee August 15, 2012

Possible ICD-10-CM Delay

The draft final rule related to any change in the ICD-10-CM compliance date was submitted to OMB on August 9th for final approval. Content of the rule is unknown but hopefully the final rule will be published in August or September. It is anticipated that the compliance date will be delayed to Oct. 1, 2014. DPH continues to move forward with the current project schedule with the exception of pushing some of the deliverables out to the local agencies – those activities are on hold until a final compliance date is set (as requested by the Technology Committee at their July meeting).

Deliverables

- ICD-10-CM Comprehensive Training for DPH Implementation Team members
 - Three 2-day training sessions were held between July 23 – August 3. Training was conducted both face-to-face in Raleigh as well as via Webinar. Based on feedback from Implementation Team members, training via Webinar was an effective means for conducting the training as long as participants can be in a secluded area where they are not interrupted during the training. The training is intensive and trainees must be interactive and perform hands-on exercises throughout the training.
 - The DPH ICD-10 Project Manager will be working on modifications to improve the training through the end of the year.
- The Clinical Documentation Assessment pilots will be conducted in August. The purpose of the pilots is to validate the Clinical Documentation Assessment tool and process and make changes to improve the deliverable before it is distributed statewide.

Meeting with NC Office of Medicaid Management Information System Services (OMMISS) ICD-10 Project Team

- The DPH ICD-10- Implementation Project Manager will be meeting with the OMMISS ICD-10 Project Team on August 29th.
- OMMISS has launched a new webpage related to their project at <http://ncmmis.ncdhhs.gov/icd10.asp>. At the bottom of the webpage, interested persons can sign up for the OMMISS listserv.
- One of the primary issues the DPH Project Manager will raise at the meeting is testing with OMMISS prior to the compliance date.
- OMMISS will be encouraged to actively participate with a testing project that is being coordinated through NCHICA.
 - The first phase is for inpatients only and includes hospitals such as UNC and Rex Healthcare; payers such as BCBS and United Healthcare.
 - The initial project does not include system adjudication since systems are not ready yet. Rather, this is a manual exercise to evaluate how providers will be coding data and comparing that to the mapping the payers have done.
- After the Phase One, there are plans to expand the project to the outpatient settings and the DPH Project Manager has expressed an interest in having DPH participate since we will have data available through the Clinical Documentation Assessment pilots. This will help identify early on any major financial impacts due to mapping changes so adjustments can be made before the compliance date.

Plans for Next Month

- Modify ICD-10-CM Comprehensive training materials in preparation for conducting the training for local agency Implementation Team members in 2013 (dates will be determined after the compliance date is published)
- Modify the Clinical Documentation Assessment process and tools based upon feedback from review team members conducting the pilots
- Continue to monitor status of possible compliance date change – October 1, 2014 is proposed. Once the final rule is issued, several project deliverables will need to be modified.

Project Management

- If the 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 statewide training for DPH staff and local agencies by 6 months – this will give DPH staff and local agency Implementation Teams additional time to do their Clinical Documentation Assessments and develop internal Clinical Documentation Improvement initiatives, test system changes, test with third party payers, etc.