

ICD-10.

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ICD-10 Deadline October 1, 2015: Update Your Processes

Get Ready Now with the New CMS [Quick Start Guide!](#)

While ICD-10 is almost here, you still have time to get ready. But you must get ready now.

Each day this week we are highlighting 1 of the 5 steps from the new [Quick Start Guide](#): 1) Make a Plan, 2) Train Your Staff, 3) Update Your Processes, 4) Talk with Your Vendors and Health Plans, and 5) Test Your Systems and Processes. Today our focus is:

Step: 3 Update Your Processes

The graphic features a dark blue header with the text "ICD-10 Get Ready Now!". Below this is a light blue section with a large blue circle containing the number "3" and the text "Update Your Processes | Get Your Forms Ready". Two columns of text are separated by a vertical dotted line. The left column is titled "Clinical" and describes a focus on documentation and new clinical concepts. The right column is titled "Superbills" and describes replacing ICD-9 codes with ICD-10. Both columns include an icon of a clipboard. At the bottom right of the graphic is the CMS ICD-10 logo.

ICD-10 Get Ready Now!

3 Update Your Processes | Get Your Forms Ready

Clinical
Focus on documentation, new clinical concepts captured in ICD-10

Superbills
Replace ICD-9 diagnosis codes with ICD-10

Update hard-copy and electronic forms

- It is crucial to update hard-copy and electronic forms (e.g., superbills, [CMS 1500 forms](#))
- Resolve any documentation gaps identified while coding top diagnoses in ICD-10
- Make sure clinical documentation captures key new coding concepts:
 - Laterality—or left versus right
 - Initial or subsequent encounter for injuries
 - Trimester of pregnancy
 - Details about diabetes and related complications
 - Types of fractures

Tips

- Create a documentation checklist for any new concepts that need to be captured for ICD-10 coding
- Remember that ICD-10 does not change the requirements for good documentation, which is always about capturing the complete clinical picture in order to provide high-quality patient care
- Review [NCDs and LCDs with ICD-10 codes](#) to ensure consistency with internal policies (e.g., coding, billing, and documentation processes)
- Outpatient and office procedure codes aren't changing—ICD-10 does not affect the use of CPT and HCPCS coding for outpatient and office procedures

To learn more about getting ready, visit [cms.gov/ICD10](https://www.cms.gov/ICD10) for free resources including the Road to 10 tool designed especially for small and rural practices, but useful for all health care professionals.

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