

# ICD-10. COMPLIANCE DATE OCTOBER 1, 2015

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## ICD-10 Deadline October 1, 2015: Test Your Systems and Processes

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*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: 5 Test Your Systems and Processes

# ICD-10 Get Ready Now!

**5** **Test Your Systems and Processes** | Verify You Can Generate Claims

**Business Trading Partners**  
Test with health plans, clearinghouses, vendors



**New Software/ Systems**  
Make sure you can generate ICD-10 claims



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**Test inside your practice and with trading partners**

- **Verify that you can use your ICD-10-ready systems to:**
  - **Generate a claim**
  - Perform eligibility and benefits verification
  - Schedule an office visit
  - Schedule an outpatient procedure
  - Prepare to submit quality data
  - Update a patient's history and problems
  - Code a patient encounter

- Test your systems with partners like vendors, clearinghouses, billing services, and health plans; focus on those partners that you work with most often
  - Medicare providers can conduct [acknowledgement testing](#) with their Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) until the October 1 compliance date
- Explore alternate ways to submit claims to health plans if you think your systems will not be ready for ICD-10 by Oct 1:
  - For Medicare providers, options include:
    - Free billing software available from every [MAC website](#)
    - Part B claims submission by online provider portal (in about ½ of MAC jurisdictions)
    - Paper claims for providers who meet [Administrative Simplification Compliance Act Waiver](#) requirements
    - **Each of these options requires you to code in ICD-10**
  - Ask other health plans you work with about the options they offer

#### Tips

- Your clearinghouses and billing services can conduct Medicare acknowledgement testing on your behalf
- Many major health plans report that they have portals or other options in place for providers who cannot submit ICD-10 claims electronically
- If you think you might need to use an alternate claims submission method for Medicare, get started now
  - Allow time for you and your staff to complete free training on billing software or portals before October 1
  - You must register for each MAC portal that you use
- If you are eligible to submit [paper claims for Medicare](#) and wish to do so, order [CMS 1500 forms from the Government Publishing Office or your office](#) supply store
  - Photocopies cannot be used because they cannot be scanned correctly

*To learn more about getting ready, visit [cms.gov/ICD10](http://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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