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### How to Get Your Practice Ready for the ICD-10 Transition

The switch from ICD-9 to ICD-10 can change how you do business – from registration, referrals, and clinical documentation to new coding resources, superbills, and software upgrades. By reviewing the impact the ICD-10 transition will have on your practice, you can identify what needs to be done to be prepared.

To get ready, think about the areas where you currently use ICD-9 codes and where you will need to make changes:

- **Staff members, including coding staff and other personnel, will need training** on the new code sets, software, and processes like documentation. As you transition, you will want to decide whether in-person, webinar, or self-directed training will work best for your practice.
- **Office processes will be affected by the new codes.** Think about how the transition will change referrals, authorizations/pre-certifications, physician orders, and patient encounters. Estimate where you will need more time to complete existing tasks, and how that may affect work flow.
- **Software modifications and upgrades** will need to occur with your transition to ICD-10. If you are [preparing to adopt an electronic health records](#) (EHR) system, make sure to talk to your vendor about ICD-10. You will want to select a certified EHR system that can accommodate ICD-10 codes. If you have an existing contract with your vendor, find out if your ICD-10 upgrade is covered and if training will be provided.

Once you have completed your review, you will need to determine which activities your practice will work on in 2013 and then budget accordingly.

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