



# ICD-10

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## ICD-10. It's closer than it seems.

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### Looking Back at Version 5010 and Ahead to ICD-10

Last year all practices covered by HIPAA were required to upgrade from Version 4010 to [Version 5010](#) standards for electronic health care claims and other transactions.

The Version 5010 upgrade paved the way for ICD-10 and offers valuable insights:

1. **Early planning and preparation** will smooth your transition to ICD-10. Practices that planned for the Version 5010 upgrade were well prepared and transitioned smoothly. For ICD-10, your office can start planning by developing a [checklist of activities](#) that will need to be completed and a timeline for accomplishing these tasks.
2. **Communication and coordination** must occur not only in your office, but also between your practice and the trading partners you conduct business with – [software vendors](#), [clearinghouses and billing companies](#), commercial and government health plans and other [payers](#).
3. **Risk mitigation** is important to address any disruptions that may occur as your practice transitions to ICD-10. You may want to consider planning for possible short-term cash flow disruptions and for securing the services of billing companies or clearinghouses.
4. **Testing** will need to be conducted within your office and with all payers and other companies you work with. You will need to begin ICD-10 testing in 2013 to allow for ample time to test multiple types of transactions, including claims. Share your ICD-10 plans with one another now to ensure you are on track to test at the same time.

If you conduct electronic transactions and have not made the upgrade to [Version 5010](#) standards, get a compliance plan in place right away.

You must use Version 5010 standards before your practice management or billing system can accommodate the structure of ICD-10 codes.

### Keep Up to Date on ICD-10

Visit the CMS [ICD-10 website](#) for the latest news and resources to help you prepare.

For practical transition tips:

- Read [recent ICD-10 email update messages](#)
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The deadline for ICD-10 is October 1, 2014.



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