We can help. Here’s how.

**December 2013**

**Helping You Raise Awareness**
- Specialty resource links, presentations and more to spread the word
- Physician newsletter updates

**January 2014**

**Helping You Learn**
- Distribution of training materials
- Continuing medical education (CME) credits available via computer-based learning
- Targeted deficient-documentation training available

**July 2014**

**Helping You Train Your Staff**
- Lunch ‘N Learn sessions for you and your staff
- Distribution of “Most Frequently Used Codes” booklet
- Training begins for Electronic Health Record ICD-10 tools

**October 2014**

**ICD-10 coding begins**

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ICD-10 FACT OR FICTION

THE ICD-10 IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED AGAIN

FICTION: Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, stated “We do not expect any further delays of the ICD-10 compliance date.” www.billing-coding.com/detail_article.cfm?ArticleID=4669

CPT CODES WILL CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

FACT: This is good news. Physicians will only need to use ICD-10 diagnosis codes and will continue to report their services using CPT codes

UNSPECIFIED CODES CANNOT BE REPORTED IN ICD-10

FICTION: In some instances it might be appropriate to report an unspecified code. An unspecified code is appropriate if no more information about the diagnosis or symptom is known. However, unspecified codes should not be a default option; when the specifics of the disease are known, they should be properly documented, coded and reported.

EVERY PROVIDER CAN EXPECT TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIALLY NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THEIR REIMBURSEMENT.

FICTION: Reimbursement is tied to documentation so loss of reimbursement can be mitigated by documentation, documentation, documentation.

THE GENERAL EQUIVALENCE MAPPINGS (GEMS) CAN BE USED TO TRANSLATE FROM ICD-9 TO ICD-10

FICTION: GEMS give a general idea of the ICD-10 equivalent to an ICD-9 code, but should not be relied upon for billing. The GEMS are useful, but often lead to unspecified codes inappropriately and sometimes don’t map to any ICD-10 code. Best practice is to code the account using ICD-10 nomenclature.

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