

ICD-10 Preparation Checklist: Part 2

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Editor's note: An updated version of this checklist is available [here](#).

[Part 1](#) of the “ICD-10 Preparation Checklist” covers key activities HIM professionals should undertake in 2004 and 2005 to prepare for implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. These activities included development of an implementation strategy; initiation of education for HIM professionals, other organizational staff, and physicians; assessment of coding professionals’ knowledge gaps and medical record deficiencies and provision of education to address weaknesses; and identification and budgeting for information systems changes and educational requirements.

[Part 2](#) covers pre-implementation activities that should be undertaken in 2006–2007 and post-implementation activities in 2008. Pre-implementation activities include implementation and testing of information systems changes; development of strategies to minimize problems during the transition; and intensive education of coding professionals and other users. Post-implementation activities include monitoring of coding accuracy and productivity; assessment of reimbursement impact; provision of additional education as necessary; and resolution of identified problems.

Note: This timeline assumes an implementation date of October 2007. If the date changes, the timeline should be adjusted.

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Understanding the Regulatory Process behind ICD-10 Adoption

As the healthcare industry embarks on the ICD-10 journey, an understanding of the regulatory process will help HIM professionals better navigate and speed the trip, writes Kathy Giannangelo in a recent article in the FORE Library: HIM Body of Knowledge.

“The Regulatory Journey to Destination 10: Understanding the Process for Adoption of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS” identifies the federal agencies behind official adoption of the new code sets and explains the five steps of the regulatory process.

HIM professionals have a role to play in the third step when the proposed rule is published for public comment. The article explains what to look for in the document and provides detailed information for formulating an appropriate response. The article also includes helpful background and links to more information.

Read the article in the FORE Library: HIM Body of Knowledge at www.ahima.org.

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