

# Progress on ICD-10: Survey Shows Advances with Two Years to Go

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**With the ICD-10-CM/PCS** deadline less than two years away, results of a recent AHIMA survey show that more organizations are getting their transitions in motion. In total, 85 percent of respondents to the August 2011 survey said that their organizations had begun work on ICD-10 planning and implementation, a significant jump from 62 percent one year earlier.

Inpatient facilities are far more likely to have begun work than other settings, according to the results. Overall, 86 percent of respondents in inpatient facilities reported progress, compared to 50 percent of those in other settings. Both categories showed significant gains over the preceding year (see figure).

Respondents reported progress on planning, budgeting, and impact assessments, all essential first steps in the implementation.

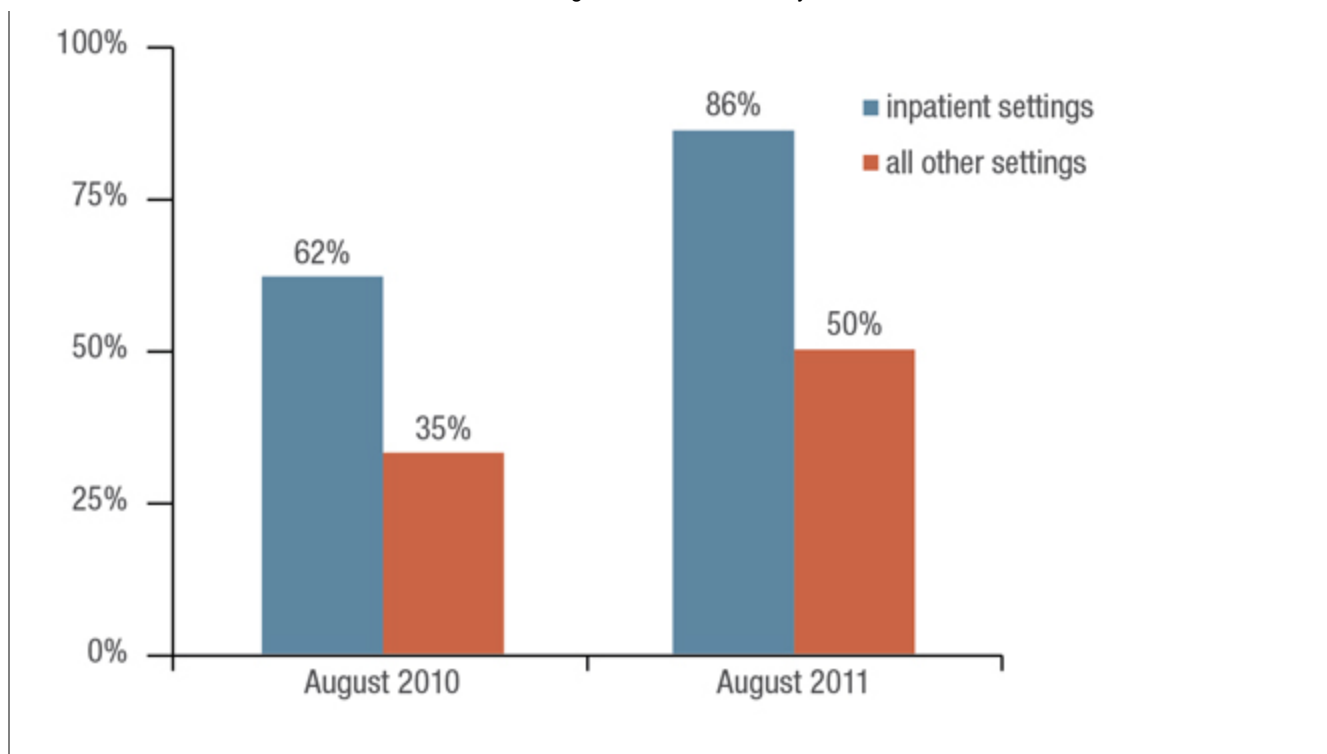
Within inpatient facilities, 60 percent of respondents said their organizations were between half done and finished establishing an implementation planning team; 55 percent reported being between half and fully done developing a project plan. In other settings, 42 percent and 38 percent of respondents reported similar progress, respectively.

Additionally, 45 percent of respondents working in inpatient facilities said their organizations were between half done and fully finished with their impact assessments, with 32 percent of respondents in other settings reporting the same. The impact assessment is a key milestone because it establishes the scope of the project and must be completed before meaningful budgeting can be done.

Among those facilities that have not begun work, inpatient facilities are more likely to be gearing up than other settings. More than half of respondents working in inpatient facilities that have not begun work said they expect their organizations to start within the next six months (52 percent), compared to a third of all other settings. Half of respondents in noninpatient settings reported that they did not know when ICD-10 planning would begin.

The survey was conducted among AHIMA members in August 2011 with 639 respondents. The majority of respondents worked at the director and management level (86 percent), and the majority worked in inpatient organizations (70 percent).

"Have you or anyone from your facility started the implementation planning for ICD-10 yet?"



## Planning Tools Online

[www.ahima.org/icd10](http://www.ahima.org/icd10)

AHIMA offers checklists highlighting the top-10 steps organizations must take to move their programs through the early phases of the ICD-10 transition. The lists distill the first phases of AHIMA's larger four-part ICD-10 implementation planning and preparation checklist.

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