Ready, Set, Transition to ICD-10-CM/PCS

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The year 2015 is upon us and it's time to fill in any last-minute gaps in our ICD-10-CM/PCS training. At this point, most coders have been trained in ICD-10 at the basic or intermediate level, and now it's time to move to a more advanced level of training. Many organizations have structured plans for training their coders during these last nine months leading up to October 1, including dual coding or double coding. However, if you are one of the many coders out there who is doing training on your own, you may need some additional assistance. Here is a sample training timeline that you can follow to prepare yourself for the final stages of implementation.

If you do not have access to the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code books, the code set files and guidelines are available for free on the CMS website (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) and the NCHS website (ICD-10-CM only).

January

- ICD-10-CM Conventions and General Guidelines
- ICD-10-CM Chapters 1 and 2: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Conventions, Guidelines, and Approaches*

February

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 3, 4 and 5: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Excision, Resection, Detachment, Destruction, and Extraction*

March

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 6, 7 and 8: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Drainage, Extirpation, and Fragmentation*

April

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 9 and 10: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Division and Release*

May

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 11 and 12: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Transplantation, Reattachment, Transfer, and Reposition*

June

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 13 and 14: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Restriction, Occlusion, Dilation, and Bypass*

July

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 15, 16 and 17: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Insertion, Replacement, Supplement, Change, Removal, and Revision*

August

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 18 and 19: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Inspection, Map, Control, and Repair*

September

- ICD-10-CM Chapters 20 and 21: Guidelines and Notes
- ICD-10-PCS Root Operations: Fusion, Alteration, and Creation*

October 1, 2015

- Begin coding all encounters and discharges dated 10/1/2015 and after in ICD-10-CM/PCS

*ICD-10-PCS codes are required for reporting in the hospital inpatient setting. Coders in the outpatient, physician office, and other non-inpatient settings may not need to learn ICD-10-PCS, depending on employer requirements.

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