ICD-10 Topic: January 2015
Clinical Documentation Improvement

Now is the time to focus on clinical documentation improvement (CDI). ICD-10 offers greater specificity than ICD-9, allowing documentation to be translated into an accurate and clear clinical picture. One of the best ways to prepare for the upcoming ICD-10 deadline is by improving your clinical documentation now. Failing to prepare for ICD-10 documentation requirements could impact your revenue. Missing information may prevent claims from even being submitted. Taking steps now to improve your clinical documentation will be foundational in helping your practice experience fewer delays and denials.

The benefits of more complete documentation of the clinical encounter can:

- Enhance the accuracy of your billing;
- Support the practice during payment audits; and
- Improve transitions of care for your patients by giving downstream providers a more complete record.

Here are resources to help guide you in your efforts to improve clinical documentation.

**Simple Steps to Improve Clinical Documentation (by CMS)**

**CMS and AHIMA: ICD-10 Clinical Documentation Improvement Webinar**
http://www.ahima.org/icd10/

CMS recently collaborated with AHIMA to present a webinar on clinical documentation improvement. Watch the recording to learn about:

- Why detailed clinical documentation is important for the ICD-10 transition
- Steps for training your staff
- Additional resources and information

To access the recording, please register for the webinar on the AHIMA webpage (originally presented 12/10/2014)

**ICD-10 Documentation Tips (by AHIMA)**
http://bok.ahima.org/PdfView?oid=300621

The AHIMA CDI Workgroup has responded to the needs of ICD-10 implementation by creating a large library of CDI ICD-10 documentation tips that are now available for the healthcare industry. These tips focus on the language and/or wording that will garner greater details and specificity of the coded data for a given diagnosis, condition, disease and/or surgical procedure.

**CMS: ICD-10 and Clinical Documentation Video (by Medscape)**
https://login.medscape.com/login/sso/getlogin?urlCache=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5tZWRzY2FwZS5vcmcvdmlld2FydGlvbGljcy1wcmVzZXMvNTQwMTQvMDkzMS8yOS9TQV9hMjM2MjgwMDgyMjUwMzA3OTczMzQ1MjM1MjYxNzQyMDc2Mzg1MjUwMzA3OTczMzQ1MjM1MjYxNzQyMDc2Mzg1MjUwMzA3OTczMz

Access this Medscape Education video that provides guidance around the transition to ICD-10. Continuing medical education (CME) and nursing continuing education (CE) credits are available to health care professionals who complete the learning module, but anyone can take them and earn a certificate of completion. If you are a first-time visitor to Medscape, you will need to create a free account to access these resources.