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Dear Colleague:

Earlier this year, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services released a final rule calling for the adoption of a new edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) standards, or ICD-10. During the past several years, the AHA strongly advocated updating our nation's 30-year old coding system to meet the increased level of detail needed for biosurveillance and quality reporting. To assist your organization in preparing for this significant and complex transition, the AHA created *HIPAA Code Set Rule: ICD-10 Implementation – An Executive Briefing*. **This member-only resource examines important implementation issues and should be shared with your senior management team.**

While the deadline for implementation is not until October 1, 2013, the transition timeline is strict and will require careful coordination across your organization beginning now. This executive briefing will help you assemble an ICD-10 Steering Committee and team leader to oversee planning and implementation of the new ICD-10 standards. Use it to direct your organization's implementation efforts. Specifically, this AHA resource includes, among other topics:

- A CEO summary and senior management briefing
- An overview of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, including a comparison to ICD-9
- A phase-by-phase guide that covers everything from organizing your implementation effort and conducting an impact analysis to performing a post-implementation evaluation
- Timelines for completion

We hope you find this executive briefing useful – it is one more example of the value of your membership in the AHA. You can download additional copies of this resource at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org), click on “Issues” then “HIPAA.” Comments or questions? Please contact AHA Member Relations at 1-800-424-4301 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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