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## ICD-10 TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1

### ***AHA chart will help you monitor and triage issues that may arise***

Beginning Oct. 1, health care claims must include ICD-10 codes for medical diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures, marking a major change to billing transactions. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to pay claims and implement ICD-10 even if there is a government shutdown and Congress fails to act by Oct. 1 on legislation to fund the government into fiscal year 2016.

Given the major changes that will occur with the move to ICD-10, hospital leaders are urged to pay close attention to their billing processes to ensure that they identify issues quickly. **The [attached chart](#) outlines steps to monitor the transition and actions to address problems that could arise.**

CMS has indicated (<http://blog.cms.gov/2015/09/24/icd-10-one-week-out/>) that providers experiencing issues related to the submission of their claims should first contact their billing vendor and/or clearinghouse. Then they may contact their Medicare Administrative Contractor. If providers need additional assistance, they should contact Bill Rogers, M.D., CMS's ICD-10 ombudsman, at [ICD10\\_ombudsman@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ICD10_ombudsman@cms.hhs.gov).

Please share this advisory with your ICD-10 transition team, and let the AHA know if you experience any problems by sending an email to [ICD10help@aha.org](mailto:ICD10help@aha.org). The AHA will monitor the transition closely and provide updated guidance to members as needed. For more ICD-10 resources, visit [www.aha.org/ICD10](http://www.aha.org/ICD10) or [www.ahacentraloffice.org](http://www.ahacentraloffice.org).