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.

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. 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 or www.ahacentraloffice.org.