

1. What codes will be required on October 1, 2015?

ICD-10 CM diagnosis and ICD-10 PCS procedure codes will be required on all inpatient claims with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2015. ICD-10 CM diagnosis codes will be required on all professional and outpatient claims on October 1, 2015. Service dates or discharge dates prior to October 1, 2015 will require ICD-9 codes. Other codes (CPTs, HCPCS, revenue codes, etc.) will not be impacted by this change.

2. Does the state have to make changes for its programs or is it exempt?

Medicare and Medicaid are required to be compliant with these guidelines.

3. Will the health plan be ICD-10 compliant by October 1, 2015?

Yes. The health plan will be able to process (send/receive) transactions and perform analytics using ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes for service dates on professional claims and discharge dates for institutional claims on or after October 1, 2015.

4. What is the health plan doing to prepare for the ICD-10 conversion?

A detailed implementation plan is in place. The health plan completed its ICD-10 assessment in 2011-2012 and will be testing through 2014. The health plan anticipates it will be ready to test with external entities (providers, clearinghouses, vendors, state agencies) beginning July, 2013.

Providers that directly submit claims via EDI or are interested in directly submitting claims via EDI can test with the health plan. For questions, please contact the EDI service desk at 1-800-225-2573, ext. 25525 or EDIBA@centene.com.

Details regarding the health plan implementation approach can be found [here](#). Specific schedules will be communicated by the health plan's EDI clearinghouse coordinator.

5. Will external testing with clearinghouses be conducted prior to the compliance date?

Yes. The health plan anticipates it will be ready to test HIPAA compliance of transactions with clearinghouses beginning in July 2013.

6. What transactions will the health plan test for EDI compliance?

Transactions that will be selected for testing will represent a mix of services and ICD code conversion characteristics.