

## MHS ICD-10 Efforts

TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is hard at work preparing for the transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 by the mandated compliance date of October 1, 2013. TMA completed an initial high level impact assessment in October 2009 and is currently working on a more detailed assessment. In order to provide oversight and management of the effort, an Integrated Project Team (IPT) was chartered under the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Health Budgets and Financial Policy in October 2010.

The ICD-10 IPT formed sub-workgroups (SWGs) that are focusing on four major areas, including impacts to information systems; impacts to policies, forms, and directives; training & communication needs; and purchased care. The activities of the sub-workgroups are detailed below:

- **Functional Requirements**

The Functional Requirements SWG is reviewing contractor-performed analyses that identifies the current use of ICD-9 codes in 24 centrally-managed MHS systems (including external interfaces) to determine what updates need to be made in order to transition to ICD-10. The analysis will be used to provide requirements and cost factors toward accurate remediation estimates. The SWG will determine minimum essential requirements and develop functional system requirements to transition without negative impact to current processes. This SWG will also help to be the voice of the customer during remediation, implementation, and compliance validation.

- **Forms and Publications**

The ICD-10 Forms and Publications SWG is working to identify any existing DoD-level publications, such as Health Affairs policies, DoD Instructions or forms that reference ICD-9 codes. To date, 19 publications have been identified that will need to be updated. The SWG will work with primary offices of responsibility for each document to help foster updates through the change process, and to final publication.

- **Training and Communication**

The Training and Communication SWG is working with the Services to determine training needs and develop a communication plan that ensures awareness to the variety of stakeholders. They will document role-based training needs and foster timely and tailored training. The SWG is researching no cost educational and training resources that can be posted online for access as needed by coders, clinicians and others.

- **Purchased Care**

The ICD-10 Purchased Care SWG will identify Operational and Business requirements and validate the full impact of the ICD-10 code sets within the Purchased Care arena. The SWG reviewed the TRICARE Manuals and provided updated language for the TRICARE Operations Manual and the TRICARE Systems Manual, which are currently in coordination for publication. Updated language for the TRICARE Policy Manual and TRICARE Reimbursement Manual will be drafted at a later date. The SWG is also assessing impacts to the TRICARE DRG grouper and ensuring that content for Regional Provider Handbooks are also updated.

Representatives from TRICARE Management Activity's Information Management Division are also collaborating with industry colleagues through participation in the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) Workgroups and through regular conference calls with other organizations such as the Office of E-Health Standards & Services (OESS)/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), and Veterans Health Administration.

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