

## MassHealth Previous ICD-10 Updates

**DATE:** August 25, 2015  
**UPDATE:** MassHealth Preparing to Implement ICD-10

MassHealth will implement ICD-10 on October 1, 2015. We are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition to the new code set. We have modified our systems and business operations to comply with the federally mandated transition to the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS). Please ensure that you are ready to implement ICD-10 as required. Please click here to be directed to the Official CMS Countdown to the October 1, 2015 Compliance Date Clock.

MassHealth will no longer accept test files from providers or vendors after August 31, 2015. We will use the month of September to resolve any remaining testing issues before implementation. If you submit batch claims transactions to MassHealth, or if you use a software vendor, billing intermediary, or clearinghouse to submit transactions on your behalf, it is critical to test your ICD-10 transactions with MassHealth before implementation. Your test file must be received no later than August 31, 2015. Testing in advance of implementation will ensure that transactions will be accepted for processing on or after October 1, 2015. If transactions are not tested they may fail at implementation, which could have a financial impact to your organization.

MassHealth is currently conducting a series of ICD-10 information, education, and training sessions in-person and by webinar through early fall. These sessions provide an overview of MassHealth's implementation plans, Provider Online Service Center (POSC) modifications, and provider preparedness for the October 1, 2015 cutover. Please visit [www.masshealthtraining.com](http://www.masshealthtraining.com) to register for one of the upcoming sessions. For live events in your community, register under the Live Events tab.

**DATE:** April 27, 2015  
**UPDATE:** ICD-10 Implementation Delayed

On July 31, 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officially delayed the transition of the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) to the 10th Edition (ICD-10-CM) and the adoption of the inpatient hospital procedure coding standards known as ICD-10-PCS (collectively referred to as ICD-10) from October 1, 2014, to October 1, 2015. ICD-10-PCS requires that all covered entities use ICD-10 codes on claims and other health care transactions submitted for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, and for inpatient services with dates of discharge on or after October 1, 2015.

MassHealth continues to test with its trading partners and is actively contacting providers and vendors to schedule test dates. If you are interested in testing your ICD-10 transactions with MassHealth, please contact the MassHealth EDI testing team toll-free at 1-855-295-4047 or by e-mail at [edi@mahealth.net](mailto:edi@mahealth.net).

**DATE:** April 30, 2014  
**UPDATE:** ICD-10 Implementation Delayed

On April 1, 2014, the bill H.R. 4302, Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, was signed into law. A component of the law states that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) cannot adopt the ICD-10 code set as the standard until at least October 1, 2015. Based on this change, MassHealth is evaluating the impact of the delay on MassHealth and will provide more information as soon as it becomes available. In the interim MassHealth will continue to test ICD-10 transactions with its trading

partners. If you are interested in testing your ICD-10 transactions with MassHealth, please contact the MassHealth EDI testing team at 1-855-295-4047 (toll free) or [edi@mahealth.net](mailto:edi@mahealth.net).

**DATE: January 27, 2014**  
**UPDATE: MassHealth to Begin Trading Partner Testing**

MassHealth will begin to conduct trading partner testing (TPT) in April 2014, with a number of beta test partners. MassHealth is also reaching out to key trading partners to schedule testing dates for vendors and providers. We encourage trading partners to contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-855-295-4047 to schedule a test submission date. The draft ICD-10 billing instructions and companion guides have been updated to support TPT. These documents and a billing instructions change guide are available below.

MassHealth is very interested in understanding the status of your ICD-10 implementation activities and has developed a survey to gather information. Please complete the ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey. The deadline for completing the survey has been extended to February 10, 2014.

**DATE: November 11, 2012**  
**UPDATE: HHS Finalizes ICD-10 Implementation Timeline**

On September 5, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) finalized the one-year delay of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS). The implementation timeline was finalized within the final rule for the Adoption of a Standard for a Unique Health Plan Identifier (HPID). The final rule requires that all HIPAA-covered entities adopt the ICD-10 code set by October 1, 2014.

**DATE: August 24, 2012**  
**UPDATE: HHS Adopts the One-Year Delay**

On August 24, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it officially adopted the proposed one-year delay of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS). All "covered entities"—as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)—are required to adopt ICD-10 codes by October 1, 2014.

Although this change in the compliance date will give providers and other covered entities more time to prepare and fully test their systems, HHS is urging covered entities to continue with their current implementation preparation activities.

**DATE: April 20, 2012**

**UPDATE: HHS Announces Intent to Delay the ICD-10 Implementation Date**

On April 9, 2012, HHS announced that it intends to delay the ICD-10 implementation date by one year. This would move the implementation date from October 1, 2013, to October 1, 2014. HHS issued a Request For Comment (RFC) on this proposal in the Proposed Rule for the Adoption of a Standard for a Unique Health Plan Identifier (HPID) on April 17, 2012.