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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth
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RE: Information about ICD-10-CM/PCS

Background

On January 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a final rule on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS), requiring all HIPAA-covered entities to adopt the ICD-10-CM/PCS (diagnosis/inpatient procedure codes) by October 1, 2013. **On April 9, 2012**, HHS announced that it would delay the compliance date for ICD-10-CM/PCS from October 1, 2013, to October 1, 2014.

Effective October 1, 2014, claims submitted to MassHealth must include the ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes. In addition, claims for inpatient services with a date of discharge on or after October 1, 2014, must contain the new ICD-10 inpatient procedure code set.

Code Changes

ICD-10 will expand the number of diagnosis and inpatient service codes that must be used to provide greater specificity on claim submissions. The following table displays the high-level differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10-CM and -PCS codes.

Code Changes	ICD-9	ICD-10
Diagnosis (CM)	3,000 codes	72,081 codes
	3-5 digits (alpha/numeric)	3-7 digits (alpha/numeric)
Inpatient Procedure Coding System (PCS)	13,000 codes	68,000 codes
	3-4 digits (numeric)	7 digits (alpha/numeric)

Please Note: Providers will need to adopt only those codes that are relevant to their day-to-day operations. Providers should also evaluate the new ICD-10 codes (i.e., codes that do not have an ICD-9 counterpart) to determine the relevance and impact to their operation.

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MassHealth's Approach

MassHealth will inform providers of the status of its ICD-10 implementation by providing guidance, relevant billing information, training, and educational materials. Trading partner testing will also be conducted to ensure the accurate acceptance, adjudication, and payment of ICD-10 claims.

Additionally, MassHealth has developed an ICD-10 web page to communicate key information to providers related to the preparation and implementation of ICD-10. The website contains links to key CMS-support materials, outlines the latest MassHealth project status, and will contain billing, communication, and training documentation to aid in the successful implementation of ICD-10.

The website is located at www.mass.gov/masshealth/icd-10. Providers should monitor this page to view important MassHealth ICD-10 information as it becomes available.

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mahealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.
