

## **Migration to ICD 10 Coding in the United States**

### **Migration Requirement**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued final rules to require ICD-10 codes for all HIPAA transactions, including outpatient claims with dates of service, and inpatient claims with dates of discharge on and after October 1, 2013. Otherwise, your claims and other transactions may be rejected, and you will need to resubmit them with the ICD-10 codes. This could result in delays and may impact your reimbursements. This change does not affect CPT coding for outpatient procedures. Furthermore, it is increasingly clear that most commercial insurers and state agencies have adopted this coding migration requirement.

### **Our Approach to Migration Schedules and Dual Reporting**

SMA Info Partners is committed to leadership in the migration process on two levels:

(1) all of our products and services will support analytics and reporting with ICD-10 coding content for a trial period for any client patient records created after October 1, 2012, thereby allowing for a one year concurrent coding experience to confirm readiness.

(2) Our professional staff and systems are prepared to commence providing coding advisory and testing services for all clients effective July 1, 2012 to support their final assessments and preparations for coding migration from ICD-9 to ICD-10.

Given that business intelligence and clinical analytic reporting systems are structured to utilize a database of historic records, we have committed to sustaining dual ICD-9 and ICD-10 coding report functionality in our tools for at least twelve calendar quarters after October 1, 2013.

### **Our Commitments to Supporting Transition Efforts**

We have joined with other national and internationally known consulting firms to develop a bundle of reference information programs and planning services, plus preparedness planning and assessment tools.

The change to ICD-10 will impact every paper-based system, software application, information system, and functional department that currently uses or generates ICD-9 codes.

Our intent is to assist clients make the ICD-10 transition a positive opportunity to not only meet regulatory requirements, but to achieve new levels of functionality and accuracy which will contribute to improved clinical, financial and operational systems across the organization.