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**The ICD-10 Transition is Coming.  Are YOU ready?**

**WHEN**
The implementation date proposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the transition to ICD-10 is **October 1, 2015**.

**WHO**
All entities covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) must be able to successfully conduct health care transactions using ICD-10 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes by the ICD-10 implementation date.

**THE IMPACT**
ICD-9 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes cannot be used for services provided on or after the implementation date.

Please be aware that if you do not comply with changing from ICD-9 to ICD-10, claims received after October 1, 2015 without ICD-10 codes will be denied.

The ICD-10-CM revision has more than 68,000 diagnostic codes, compared to the 13,000 found in ICD-9-CM. The revision also includes twice as many categories making it more specific in identifying treatment. This is a significant change and your readiness is critical.

**TESTING**
Testing has begun.  Alameda Alliance for Health has contracted with EDIFECS to use their collaborative testing tools in order to streamline ICD-10 testing with Providers.  The Alliance expects to be ICD-10-ready by September 18, 2015. A critical goal for us is to do ICD-10 end-to-end testing with our "ready and willing" providers to test their claims. These ICD-10 test claims will be adjudicated in our ICD-10 ready test system, with detailed reports provided back to the providers.

**EVALUATE YOUR READINESS**
Alameda Alliance for Health sent out ICD-10 Readiness Surveys to a large portion of our partners, and we have sent out communications addressing ICD-10 and what the expectations are from our provider community. If you are ICD-10-ready and would like to test with the Alliance, please contact ICD-10 Implementation Senior Project Manager, David Rogers at drogers@alamedaalliance.org.   David will gladly discuss our testing with you.

**RESOURCES**
For information about ICD-10 codes, providers and what you need to be ready by October 1, 2015, please visit this site:
http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/ProviderResources.html
**OR**
        Contact Alameda Alliance for Health Provider Services at:
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