

**Subject: ICD-10 Coding Effective October 1, 2015**

Dear Affinity Health Plan Provider:

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), all health plans and providers must adopt the ICD-10-CM for diagnosis coding and ICD-10-PCS for inpatient hospital procedure coding starting October 1, 2015. To ensure a seamless transition for our providers and members, we have been working to upgrade our systems to integrate the new codes.

Effective October 1, 2015, when ICD-10 codes go into effect, prior authorizations and claims that you may submit will be handled as follows:

- Prior authorizations for services **on or after October 1, 2015**, must be submitted with an ICD-10 diagnosis code. These include requests via telephone and fax. **Requests without ICD-10 code will not be processed.**
- Claims for services rendered **on or after October 1, 2015**, must contain ICD-10 codes. **If you don't use a valid ICD-10 code starting October 1, 2015, you will not be able to successfully bill for your services.**
- Any claims for services rendered **before** October 1, 2015, should include ICD-9 codes.

Affinity appreciates your cooperation as we and the rest of the industry implement ICD-10 codes. You and your staff may want to refer to the following resources for more information about ICD-10. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative, or call 866 247-5678.

**Available Resources**

✓ [Affinity ICD-10 Update](#) ✓ [Frequently Asked Questions](#) ✓ [Quick Reference Guide](#)

Thank you.



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