

BJACH ICD-10/PCS Transition

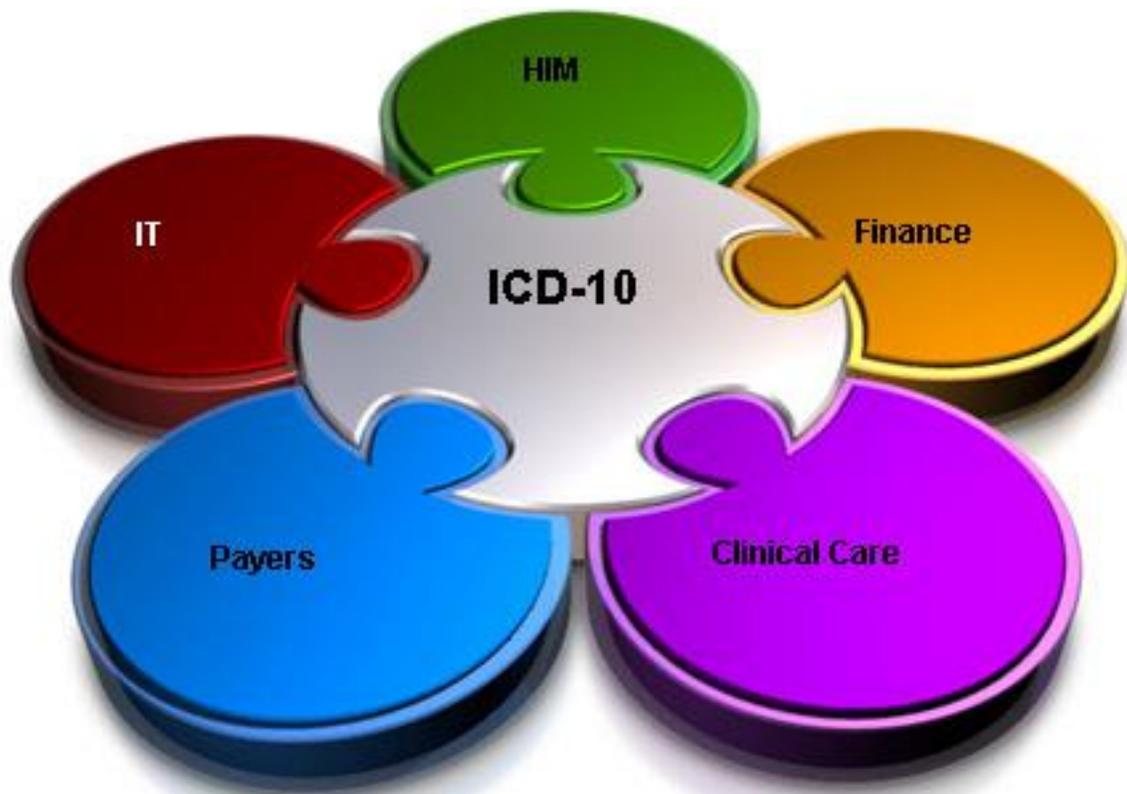
On August 4 th., 2014 the Health and Human Services published on the Federal Register a final rule:

"This final rule implements section 212 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 by changing the compliance date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for diagnosis coding, including the Official ICD-10-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) for inpatient hospital procedure coding, including the Official ICD-10-PCS Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015".



The Senate burned the midnight oil yesterday, approving legislation to repeal the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. The bill passed 92-8 and without reference to an ICD-10 delay, giving further momentum towards the Oct. 1, 2015 implementation deadline and creating increased urgency for those still preparing for the new medical code set, with all major hurdles now cleared.

Last year, House leadership slipped a last minute rider into SGR legislation, delaying ICD-10 for another 12 months. The postponement was the third in six years, blindsiding the healthcare community and discouraging ICD-10 proponents who were left wondering if the code set would ever see the light of day. With the passing of this bill and omission of any further ICD-10 delay legislation, those concerns now appear behind us...



“ICD-10CM/PCS transition is not just a coding event or an IT event - it is a business event. Codes are the language of healthcare and will impact virtually all areas of healthcare.”

Key Tasks

- ◆ Upgrades to multiple health information systems supporting ICD-9
- ◆ Upgrades to coding guidelines, policies, forms, and other publications