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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Therapeutically Certified Optometrists, Podiatrists, Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities, Community Mental Health, Family Planning, Residential Care Facilities, Birthing Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Psychologists and Adult Rehab

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: ICD-10 Testing of Claim Submission for Seamless Transition

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has mandated the use of ICD-10 diagnosis codes on claims for outpatient services and the use of ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes on claims for inpatient services beginning October 1, 2015. The IME will not accept claims with ICD-9 codes effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015. ICD-10 diagnosis codes must be used for claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2015.

As mentioned in Informational Letter No. 1440[1], the IME will offer End-to-End (E2E) testing via your EDISS Connect[2] account. E2E testing is tailored for **small physician practices by clinical specialty**. For example, a family practice or clinic with one to four providers that is not affiliated with a large health delivery organization.

As of January 19, 2015, the ICD-10 E2E testing will be available for ICD-10 claims. To accelerate testing the IME has created the following Test Calendar:

Cycle Name	Provider Outreach/Training		Claims Testing	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
E2E Testing - Cycle 1	Mon 12/29/14	Fri 2/6/15	Mon 1/19/15	Fri 2/13/15
E2E Testing - Cycle 2	Mon 2/23/15	Fri 4/3/15	Mon 3/16/15	Fri 4/10/15
E2E Testing - Cycle 3	Mon 4/20/15	Fri 5/29/15	Mon 5/11/15	Fri 6/5/15
E2E Testing - Cycle 4	Mon 6/15/15	Fri 7/24/15	Mon 7/6/15	Fri 7/31/15

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[1] https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1440%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission%20for%20Seamless%20Transition.pdf
[2] https://connect.edissweb.com/

Direct and Vendor-Based submitters may begin the E2E testing process by sending ICD-10 test claims through your EDISS Connect account. As you prepare for the October 1, 2015, ICD-10 deadline, E2E testing is simple; recode an existing set of ICD-9 claims to ICD-10 and submit the batch using the process outlined below:

E2E Test Process Instructions:

1. Select the E2E Test Cycle that fits into the practice [ICD-10 Road Map](#)[3]. This CMS website provides sample sets of high impact diagnosis by specialty.
2. Register with the IME Provider Services Unit to test ICD-10 claims.
3. Select a recent batch of ICD-9 claims. The IME recommends using a batch that represents the most common diagnosis codes submitted by your practice.
4. Create an ICD-10 test batch.
   a. Change the ICD-9 codes to ICD-10.
   b. Change the date(s) of service to be on or after January 1, 2015.
5. Submit the test file utilizing EDISS Connect.
   a. If you are **not registered** for the 835 transaction with EDISS, you can register for the 835 transaction through the [EDISS Connect](#)[4] account. This transaction provides an electronic copy of the remittance advice for impact evaluation.
6. Review your 999 and 277 CA reports in EDISS Connect. If the 277 CA report is good, the file will be forwarded to the IME for processing.
   a. If the 277 CA contains errors, correct any errors and resubmit the batch.
   b. The generated test 835 will be delivered to your **Production Mailbox** with a 'T' indicator in the ISA15 element of the file.
7. Perform an Impact Evaluation.
   a. Compare the ICD-9 835 to the test ICD-10 835. Any difference in the payment amounts should be reported to ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us.
   b. If you are not receiving an 835 remittance advice, each individual claim will need to be evaluated.

If you need help regarding your EDISS Connect account, please call the EDI Help Desk at 1-800-967-7902 between 8 am and 5 pm CST, Monday – Friday.

All trading partners, contractors, vendors and providers are encouraged to register for any or all of the above test dates. **Look for future informational letters relating to** provider outreach and training. To register for testing, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us. Additional testing information will be posted on the DHS ICD-10 webpage, [ICD-10 Testing Announcements](#)[5] in the near future.

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[3] http://www.roadto10.org/
[4] https://connect.edissweb.com/
[5] http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/ICD-10#News