

Federal Government Delays ICD-10 Implementation

The ICD-10 code set implementation date has been moved from October 1, 2014 to no earlier than October 1, 2015. The delay was part of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on April 1, 2014. New York Medicaid will adhere to the new federal compliance timeframe for ICD-10 implementation and eMedNY **will not** accept ICD-10 codes until October 1, 2015 at the earliest.

The ICD-10 delay will have minimal impact on New York Medicaid current ICD-10 transition efforts and testing plans. As stated in previous communications, the eMedNY Provider Testing Environment (PTE) will be available to providers and vendors on July 28, 2014. Providers are urged to proceed aggressively with their ICD-10 transition and test at their earliest convenience. The delay should be seen as an opportunity to better assess and address remaining challenges and not as a reason to pause.

Note: The ICD-10 FAQs posted at www.emedny.org will be updated as necessary to reflect the October 1, 2015 compliance date.