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# Montana Health Care Programs Notice

All Providers

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## ICD-10 Readiness

The tenth edition of International Classification of Diseases (ICD), will replace the current diagnosis code set of ICD-9. As of October 1, 2014, the new ICD-10 Clinical Modification (CM) or ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (PCS) will be required for utilization by the provider community.

**Effective October 1, 2014, all providers will be required under HIPAA to use and bill ICD-10 format codes. For dates of service on or after October 1, 2014, claims submitted with an ICD-9 code will be denied.** Dates of service billed prior to October 1, 2014, will need to continue to be billed with the current applicable ICD-9 code.

ICD-10 is much more detailed than the ICD-9 codes that are currently in use. For example, if you were out swimming in the ocean and you were struck by a turtle causing you to seek medical attention. Under the current ICD-9 coding the provider would code it as *E906.8 Other specified injury caused by animal*. However, under the new ICD-10 CM codes it would be coded as *W59.22XA Contact with turtles, struck by turtle, initial encounter*.

Health care professionals are encouraged to begin documenting their services in more detail **now!** This will result in a smoother transition for the provider when ICD-10 is implemented on October 1, 2014.

More information will follow in future notices. Please visit our ICD-10 Information webpage, <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/providerpages/icd10.shtml>, for more information on the conversion to ICD-10 for Montana Medicaid. There are links to help your practice prepare for these changes.

Please take our second ICD-10 survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/icd10readinessii>.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Sark, CPC, and Jennifer Tucker, CPC, at 406.442.6969 or [asark@mt.gov](mailto:asark@mt.gov) or [jtucker2@mt.gov](mailto:jtucker2@mt.gov).

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1.800.624.3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406.442.1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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