Ready or not, implementation of ICD-10 arrives on October 1, 2015

The ICD-10 code sets are intended to provide greater detail in describing illnesses, injuries, and procedures than the existing ICD-9, which uses codes of up to five characters to describe 14,000 diagnoses and 3,000 inpatient procedures. By contrast, ICD-10 with codes containing up to seven digits or letters—will have about 68,000 for diagnoses and 87,000 for procedures.

ICD-10 is designed to improve patient care with its detailed ability to measure the quality, efficacy, and safety of care. Looking forward, it will advance the future of healthcare by enhancing research and health-policy decisions. As a means for better management, ICD-10 will improve clinical, financial, and administrative performance in a variety of valuable ways. It will reveal important insights about practice to help for making more informed decisions. It will allow for better resource allocation by tracking the time spent on procedures and processes. It will also increase the timeliness of payments by reducing claim denials due to incorrect coding. Altogether, ICD-10 will be a change that lets you crack the code to a more productive and profitable practice.

With just few months left to get training and processes in place, medical facilities and affiliates are scrambling to get ICD-10 ready. At iPatientCare, we do not want code compliance shifting your focus from patient care. Make sure you swim through the ICD-10 transition smoothly contact us NOW!

"A year's delay will ease the burden for some organizations coping with ongoing financial pressures, and parallel regulatory mandates. If we are to improve patient outcomes and safety, enable modern-day research, promote innovations in healthcare delivery, and achieve cost-saving efficiencies, the healthcare industry must have an access to high quality information afforded by ICD-10 coded data. We believe ICD-10 is important for efficient delivery of quality care and emerging value-based payment models," said Sean Pandya, Clinical Application Specialist, iPatientCare, Inc.

"iPatientCare remains committed to be focused of preparing customers for 2014 regulatory changes; ICD-10 implementation is an important piece of value-based care models and most importantly delivering quality care to patients; therefore, it should remain a priority for the healthcare industry," said Kedar Mehta, CTO, iPatientCare, Inc.

About iPatientCare:

iPatientCare, Inc. is a privately held medical informatics company based at Woodbridge, New Jersey. The company's unified product suite includes Electronic Health/Medical Record and integrated Practice Management/Billing System, Patient Portal/PHR, Health Information Exchange (HIE), and Mobile Point-of-Care Solutions for both Ambulatory and Acute/Sub-acute market segments. iPatientCare has been recognized as a preferred MU partner by numerous Regional Extension Centers (REC), hospitals/health systems and academies, and has been designated as a Test EHR by the CMS.

iPatientCare EHR 2014 (2.0) has received 2014 Edition Ambulatory Complete EHR certification by ICSA Labs, an Office of the National Coordinator-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB), in accordance with the applicable eligible professional certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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