

From WPS Medicare:

Attention Health Professionals: Information Regarding the 2015 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

The negative update of 21% under current law for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2015. Medicare Physician Fee Schedule claims for services rendered on or before March 31, 2015, are unaffected by the payment cut and will be processed and paid under normal procedures and time frames. The Administration urges Congress to take action to ensure these cuts do not take effect. However, until that happens, CMS must take steps to implement the negative update. Under current law, electronic claims are not paid sooner than 14 calendar days (29 days for paper claims) after the date of receipt. CMS will notify you on or before April 11, 2015, with more information about the status of Congressional action to avert the negative update and next steps.

Recently Congress has taken serious steps toward repealing Medicare's flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula by introducing H.R. 2 (formerly H.R. 1470/S. 810), legislation that would repeal the SGR and clear the way for a 21st century Medicare physician payment system. Please take a moment to send a customizable email letting your legislators know that now is the time to move toward a Medicare program that supports physicians for providing high-quality, patient-centered health care.

[Write your lawmaker today >>](#)

Volunteer for ICD-10 End-to-End Testing in July - Forms Due April 17

During the week of July 20 through 24, 2015, a third sample group of providers will have the opportunity to participate in ICD-10 end-to-end testing with Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor. Approximately 850 volunteer submitters will be selected to participate in the July end-to-end testing. This nationwide sample will yield meaningful results, since CMS intends to select volunteers representing a broad cross-section of provider, claim, and submitter types, including claims clearinghouses that submit claims for large numbers of providers. Note: Testers who are participating in the January and April end-to-end testing weeks are able to test again in July without re-applying.

To volunteer as a testing submitter:

- Volunteer forms are available on your [MAC website](#)
- Completed volunteer forms are due April 17
- CMS will review applications and select the group of testing submitters
- By May 8, the MACs and CEDI will notify the volunteers selected to test and provide them with the information needed for the testing

If selected, testers must be able to:

- Submit future-dated claims.
- Provide valid National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), Provider Transaction Access Numbers (PTANs), and beneficiary Health Insurance Claim Numbers (HICNs) that will be used for test claims. This information will be needed by your MAC by May 29 for set-up purposes; Testers will be dropped if information is not provided by the deadline.

Any issues identified during testing will be addressed prior to ICD-10 implementation. Educational materials will be developed for providers and submitters based on the testing results.

For more information:

- [MLN Matters® Article #MM8867, "ICD-10 Limited End-to-End Testing with Submitters for 2015"](#)
- [MLN Matters Special Edition Article #SE1435, "FAQs - ICD-10 End-to-End Testing"](#)
- [MLN Matters Special Edition Article #SE1409, "Medicare FFS ICD-10 Testing Approach"](#)

ICD-10 Boot Camp

May 19 - 20, 2015

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Marriott, Troy

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced there will be no more delays with the ICD-10 transition. It is imperative that physicians and their staff begin ICD-10 training. ICD-10-CM experts Jill Young CPC, CEDC, CIMC, will ensure health care professionals are prepared for the transition. This two-day program will lay the groundwork introducing participants to the ICD-10-CM coding system, anatomy, and physiology.

Two-Day Bonus Pack

When you register for both days of the Boot Camp, you will receive:

- Two days of LIVE training
- Boot Camp Course Manual (includes all presentations, resources, coding examples, and FAQ)
- 2014 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology for ICD-10-CM/PCS (Retail Value \$160)
- 2014 ICD-10-CM Draft Code Set (Retail Value \$100)

Day One - General Session

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Day one is a general session that will focus on where to begin in accessing, identifying, budgeting, planning and implementing the ICD-10-CM system. Course topics include:

- Beginnings
- Coding Guidelines
- Finding the Gap of Knowledge in Your Office
- Guiding Your Providers

Day Two - ICD-10-CM Anatomy and Coding Courses

Day Two will cover assigning codes to medical documentation for medical services, procedures, and diagnostics; and articulate the connection between the general concepts of anatomy and physiology and the coding professional's need for these concepts.

Who should attend:

Physicians, billers, and coders

[Details & Registration >>](#)

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