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March 13, 2015 (not just ANY Friday, it's Friday the 13th!)



Below is a description for two BCBSM webinars next week with the registration links.

BCBSM ICD-10 WEBINAR on MONDAY MARCH 16th 1-2pm (BCBSM Professional Testing Tool Overview for all professional providers):

BCBSM ICD-10 Michigan Mondays are every third Monday of the month and the link is provided the week before on Web-DENIS. Below is the information for Mondays webinar on 3-16 and the registration link. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will host an ICD-10 webinar for professional providers to provide an overview of the ICD-10 Program Professional Provider Testing Tool on Monday. The transition to ICD-10 will affect how we all work together. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is committed to working with our health care providers on the ICD-10 transition. From now until the Oct. 1, 2015, implementation of ICD-10, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will host ICD-10 conference calls for our health care providers.

This webinar provides an overview of the ICD-10 Program Professional Provider Testing Tool including:

- Testing tool registration, preparation and execution. Each section presents recommendations or step-by-step instructions to guide you through the testing activity.
- Each test presents a unique combination of health care encounters, in a format which allows providers to enter ICD-10 codes they would submit if presented with similar cases. The answers will be entered free form versus a multiple choice format. Responses will be evaluated within our test infrastructure and results will be presented back to the provider.
- Tests will be provider type and specialty specific to ensure that we're presenting health care encounters which are relevant to each provider. Each test will be cataloged and cross referenced to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan test infrastructure components associated with the unique health care encounter. This will allow us to process responses quickly as we have already completed the backend tasks associated with each test.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#). Once registered, you'll receive a follow up confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

Send an email to **ICD-10providerreadiness@bcbsm.com** if:

- You would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar or you have questions related to ICD-10
- Your organization would like to participate in a future webinar
- You're having issues with the link above or logging into the call

A copy of the presentation will be sent to you after the session. If you'd like to view prior Precyse University webinars conducted on behalf of Blue Cross and download the presentation, please visit precyseuniversity.com/bcbsmi/webinars/.*

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PAYERS Collaborative ICD-10 WEBINAR on THURSDAY MARCH 19th noon-1pm (PEDIATRICS - focus on ICD-10 documentation):

The Payers Collaboration, a consortium of health insurers, has announced that the group has joined together to aid physicians and other health care providers in the transition to the ICD-10 code sets. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has mandated Oct. 1, 2015, as the date to switch from the ICD-9 to ICD-10 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Humana, United HealthCare, Priority Health and Health Alliance Plan (HAP) have combined resources to offer valuable information to the provider community. Transitioning to ICD-10 does not have to be overly costly or burdensome. The Payers Collaboration plans a series of one hour-long webinars by specialty every other Thursday at noon Eastern time. The next webinar in the series is ICD-10-CM: Focus on Documentation - Pediatrics, on March 19th.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

Among the benefits of the webinars:

- Drill down into diagnosis codes common to specialties and see how they are affected by ICD-10.
- Suggested transition checklists help minimize disruption in the move to ICD-10.
- Free ICD-10 testing options offered to help assess coding proficiency.
- Confidence that the payers will be prepared to handle ICD-10 coded claims and encounters on Oct. 1, 2015.

CME and CEU credits are not offered for these webinars. Space is limited to 500. Thank you from the BCBSM ICD-10 Provider Readiness Team



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FREAKY FRIDAY the 13th FACTOIDS

The probability of being born on Friday the 13th is 1/214 - which means that over the long run, 1 in 214 people will be born on a Friday the 13th.

Every year has at least one Friday the 13th. No year has had nor will have more than three Friday the 13ths.

The 13th floor in some buildings is labeled "14". Hotel rooms that should be No. 13 may be called "12A".

Italy omits the number 13 from its national lottery.

Among fearful Friday beliefs:

- A ship that sails on Friday will have bad luck.
- A bed changed on Friday will bring bad dreams.
- It is unlucky to begin making a garment on Friday unless you finish it the same day.

Paraskevidekatriaphobia = Fear of Friday the 13th

Triskaidekaphobia = Fear of the number 13 (I always thought it was fear of snack crackers - whew - now I can eat Triscuits)



Have a great weekend!

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