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Join us for family practice, general practice and internal medicine focused  
ICD-10 webinar on March 5, 2015

The Payers ICD-10 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 hour-long webinars by specialty on Thursdays at noon EST. They are set to begin with ICD-10 for Family Practice, General Practice and Internal Medicine on Thursday, March 5, from noon to 1p.m. EST.

Register today by visiting [clicking here](#).

Among the benefits of the webinars:

- Drill down into diagnosis codes common to specialties and see how they're 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 are prepared to handle ICD-10 coded claims and encounters on Oct. 1, 2015.

**CME credits are not offered for these webinars. For more information, contact your provider consultant.**



## CMS Extended Deadline for Medicare Eligible Professionals to Attest to Meaningful Use

New EHR Attestation Deadline for Medicare Eligible Professionals: March 20, 2015  
Eligible professionals now have until 11:59 pm ET on March 20, 2015, to attest to meaningful use for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program 2014 reporting year.

CMS extended the deadline to allow providers extra time to submit their meaningful use data. CMS continues to urge providers to begin attesting for 2014 as soon as they can. This extension also allows eligible professionals, who have not already used their one "switch", to switch programs (from Medicare to Medicaid, or vice versa) for the 2014 payment year until 11:59 pm ET on March 20, 2015. After that time, eligible professionals will no longer be able to switch programs.

Medicare eligible professionals must attest to meaningful use every year to receive an incentive and avoid a payment adjustment. Providers who successfully attest for the 2014 program year will:

- Receive an incentive payment
- [Avoid the Medicare payment adjustment](#), which will be applied January 1, 2016

Note: The Medicare extension does not affect deadlines for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. Additionally, the EHR reporting option for PQRS has been extended until March 20, 2015.

How to Attest

Submit your data to the [Registration and Attestation System](#), which includes [2014 Certified EHR Technology \(CEHRT\) Flexibility Rule](#) options.

Tips for speed:

- Attest during non-peak hours, such as evenings and weekends
- Start now to:
  - Check that your information is up to date
  - Begin entering your 2014 data

To learn more, see the [Educational Resources](#) on the CMS [EHR Incentive Programs](#) website.

For help, call the EHR Information Center: 1-888-734-6433

TTY for people with hearing impairments: 1-888-734-6563

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 7:30 pm (ET)



**Traverse City Golf & Country Club, May 13, 2015**

Registration & Reception 5:30 pm - 5:55 pm

Welcoming Remarks 5:55 pm

Dinner & Lecture 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***Cash Bar***

This year we will be featuring the topics of Vocal Cord Dysfunction and new/novel asthma medications. 2 CME will be awarded for attendance. Please [click here](#) for registration, speaker, and learner objective information.

**The mission of the Asthma Coalition of Northwest Michigan is "to serve to improve the quality of life for adults and children affected by asthma through education, awareness and advocacy. The coalition will strive to improve access and uniformity of care through cooperation and networking in our communities."**

## ***MEMBER CONNECTIONS***

**The Walk-In Clinic** is currently seeking an energetic and enthusiastic part-time Physician Assistant. Must have exceptional bedside manner and clinical skills. Qualified candidates will have 1-3 years experience as a PA with demonstration of quality care in an urgent care and/or family practice. Experience using an EHR (eClinicalworks preferred) and MS office expected. Formal Physician Assistant training from an accredited program with NCCPA certification. Please send letter of interest and CV to [resumesfortwicorpih@gmail.com](mailto:resumesfortwicorpih@gmail.com).

**Mid-level provider (PA or NP) wanted for small Family Practice office.** Part-time, 24 hours/week. 2 days/week of patient care including acute visits and Medicare Annual Wellness visits plus 1 day/week Pay for Performance Program and Patient Centered Medical Home Initiatives. eClinical Works EMR experience preferred but will train the right person. Our patients appreciate quality care provided in a small office. Benefits include paid vacation, holidays and CME allowance as well as 401K IRA. Please see our website for practice information [cherrybendfamilycare.com](http://cherrybendfamilycare.com). Email letter of interest and resume to [madiganl@msu.edu](mailto:madiganl@msu.edu) or fax to 231.929.7934.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITY** Northern Pines Health Center, P.C. is currently seeking a full time Medical Assistant. One year of experience or completion of a medical assisting program preferred. Applicants must have excellent computer skills.

\* We are also seeking a part-time Medical Office Assistant. Familiarity with HEDIS & Meaningful Use preferred. Excellent computer skills are a must. Qualified candidates will possess strong organizational and communication skills.

Qualified applicants should email their resume to:

[keishasexton@northernpineshealthcenter.com](mailto:keishasexton@northernpineshealthcenter.com)

(Visit Our Website: [www.northernpineshealthcenter.com](http://www.northernpineshealthcenter.com))

**Neuromuscular & Rehab Associates of Northern Michigan**

Busy specialty office looking for an experienced full-time biller.

Also seeking a full-time medical receptionist to work in our front office. Must possess excellent customer service skills, be organized and able to multi-task. Please send resume to [alexanderl@tc-rehab.com](mailto:alexanderl@tc-rehab.com) or Laura Alexander, Practice Manager, 3988 West Royal Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684

**Northern Vision Eye Care** is seeking an experienced medical biller to work up to 32 hours a week (Monday through Thursday) to assist our part time medical biller. Candidate must possess current medical billing knowledge, and an extensive working knowledge of insurance companies. Duties will include medical and optical coding, billing, posting, and working insurance rejections. Must possess good customer service skills to deal with patient insurance and billing questions.

\* We are also seeking a full time ophthalmic technician. Prior experience preferred, but will train the right person. Strong science/medical background a plus.

All cover letters and resumes may be faxed, emailed or mailed to:

Office Manager

Northern Vision Eye Care

4033 Eastern Sky Drive

Traverse City, MI 49684

Fax: 231-932-9156

Email: [kerri@nvec.biz](mailto:kerri@nvec.biz)

**Chronic Care Management, LLC** is looking for 2 full time NPs or PAs for our quickly growing Home Care Medicine & Palliative Care Service in Traverse City, and are looking to expand soon into other locations.

We provide outpatient palliative care at home, and assisted-living facility visits, as well. We also offer chronic care to prevent hospital readmissions, diagnose and treat distressing symptoms, and provide care coordination between all providers and specialists involved in the patients care. We are first and foremost patient advocates and provide home based counseling as well.

Please note our new address and fax number below.

Julie A Hartl MSN, FNP-C, CMSRN  
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[Julie@Chronic-Care.net](mailto:Julie@Chronic-Care.net)  
[www.Chronic-Care.net](http://www.Chronic-Care.net)

**Sleep Diagnostics of Northern Michigan**

Seeking front desk administrative assistant in medical specialty practice. We are seeking an organized multi-tasker with great customer service skills. Prior medical/dental experience, billing experience helpful. This is a part time position with some benefits, a great work environment and competitive pay. Forward resume to Practice Manager SDNM 550 Munson Ave Ste 202 Traverse City, MI 49686.

**Medical Assistant Back with some Front Office Duties as well.  
Northshore Rehab PLLC**

PART TIME (2-4 days per week) medical office position available for an individual who is able to multi-task between the front office clerical duties as well as back office clinical duties. Responsibilities to include the following: rooming patients, taking vitals, entering pertinent patient medical history/medications into the EMR. Check patients in/out, scanning documents into the EMR, answering the phones, making appointments. This position requires knowledge of the medical office and medical terminology. Previous medical office experience a plus. Please send resume to [jobapplicant901@gmail.com](mailto:jobapplicant901@gmail.com) or fax to 231-947-5094

**Cass Street ENT seeking Medical Office Receptionist.**

Job duties include but are not limited to:

Greet patients, check in/out, answer phones, scheduling, verifying insurance and collecting patient co-payments. Maintain that patient information is accurate and provide general clerical support to the office. Must be professional, engaged in their job, and have above average customer service skills. Ability to maintain confidentiality is required. Highly organized, detail oriented and able to multi-task efficiently and perform in a fast paced work environment. 1-2 years of general medical office experience is needed, or similar healthcare experience.

Please send resume' via fax or email to:

Christina Melville  
Administrative Assistant  
Cass Street Ear, Nose & Throat P.C.  
1104 Cass Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Phone (231) 941-1155  
Fax (231) 941-1347  
[cmelville@cassstreetent.com](mailto:cmelville@cassstreetent.com)

**Office Manager**

Vascular Surgery practice in TC looking for experienced Office Manager. Must have previous medical office management experience, preferably in a surgical office. Billing & EMR experience required; coding experience strongly preferred. To apply, email resume to: [rangesurf@aol.com](mailto:rangesurf@aol.com)

Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology -

Position available for a Medical Assistant:

Medical Assistant/Nurse

30-40 hours per week, full time benefits, working with a physician in 5 physician OB/GYN practice.

Please submit resume' and cover letter to:

Julie Hopkins, Practice Manager

Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology, P.C.

560 West Mitchell St., Suite 210

Petoskey, MI. 49770

Office Phone: 231-487-2340

Fax: 231-487-2115

Email: [jhopkins@bayviewob.com](mailto:jhopkins@bayviewob.com)

**Internal Medicine of Northern Michigan** is looking for full and part time MAs to join our clinical team! CMA, RMA or LPN required, EMR experience preferred.

Also seeking part time Medical Technologist. Requires ASCP or equivalent certification, completion of an accredited MT/MLT program and 1-3 years clinical laboratory experience. Must have excellent communication, problem solving and phlebotomy skills. Professional environment, competitive salary, M-F, no weekends or holidays.

Inquiries can be sent to [rfarrell@imnm.net](mailto:rfarrell@imnm.net).

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY** - Family Physician Office expanding medical team. [Click here for info.](#)

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*We are very happy to include postings in our news blasts - for career opportunities, office space, equipment for sale, etc. Please email [lsalvatore@npoinc.org](mailto:lsalvatore@npoinc.org) with your ad. We also ask that you inform us as soon as it is no longer current. Thanks!*

## Quick Links...

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[NMHN Website](#)

[NPO CALENDAR](#)



### Interesting But Essentially Useless Spring Trivia

March was the first month of the year until the Gregorian calendar began to be used in 1752.

Calendar of Romulus:

1. Martius - 31 Days
2. Aprilis - 30 Days
3. Maius - 31 Days
4. Iunius - 30 Days
5. Quintilis - 31 Days
6. Sextilis - 30 Days
7. September - 30 Days
8. October - 31 Days
9. November - 30 Days
10. December - 30 Days

The 304-day Roman calendar didn't work for long because it didn't align with the seasons. King Numa Pompilius reformed the calendar around 700 BCE by adding the months of January (Ianuarius) and February (Februarius) to the original 10 months, which increased the year's length to 354 or 355 days.

The addition of January and February meant that some of the months' names no longer agreed with their position in the calendar (September - December). The month Quintilis was renamed July in honor of Julius Caesar in 44 BCE and Sextilis was renamed August in honor of Augustus in 8 BCE.

***NOT useless:***



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