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News flash!



**ICD-10 Webinars provided by the Payers Collaboration:
3 upcoming April webinars**

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 hour-long ICD-10 educational webinars by specialty every other Thursday at noon Eastern time. Each webinar will present an ICD-10 overview along with tips for documentation and coding by specialty. Three webinars are available in April below at no charge. Schedules, specialties and registration links are below.

ICD-10 Obstetrics, Gynecology and Midwife 4/2/2015, noon-1pm:

<https://bcbsm.webex.com/bcbsm/k2/j.php?MTID=t7c84190f25ff3c60d625443ac75814f3>

ICD-10 Chiropractic 4/16/2015, noon-1pm:

<https://priorityhealthevents.webex.com/priorityhealthevents/onstage/g.php?d=665140997&t=a>

ICD-10 Orthopedic, Orthopedic Surgery and Podiatry 4/30/2015, noon-1pm:

<https://uhc.webex.com/uhc/j.php?MTID=m0c506993283fcbd10bb8e0795217f68a>

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.

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"Reaction to the news was mixed, largely because we asked more than one person."

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