

ICD-10 Delayed Until 2015



Well, Maybe... Congress Votes Today for the Delay

So, we have all be busy getting ready to implement ICD-10 in our medical practices this October. Just this week, I upgraded our software to handle the new CMS-1500 insurance paper claim forms that allow for the new ICD-10 codes. My team and I have read books, taken classes, and listened to webinars on the subject, and will be certified in ICD-10 coding.

But wait. Hold the presses!

There is a new bill that has been introduced in Congress that includes a section calling for the **delay of ICD-10 until October 1, 2015**. That's a delay of one full year!

The bill was negotiated by top-level leadership in the House and Senate. There is expected to be no debate on the bill before it comes up to a vote today, March 27th.

The clause in the bill concerning the implementation of ICD-10 states:

The Secretary of Health and Human Services **may not, prior to October 1, 2015, adopt ICD-10 code** sets as the standard for code sets under section 1173(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d-2(c)) and section 14 162.1002 of title 45, Code of the Federal Regulations.

I'm not sure if I am relieved that we may have another year, or concerned that I am going to forget everything I know about ICD-10. What's that old adage, "If you don't use it, you lose it."

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