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Program Update from ICD-10 Executive Sponsors

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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you have heard, last week Congress passed, and the President signed, a bill to delay implementation of the SGR formula (the 'doc fix'), which included a delay of ICD-10 implementation until October 1, 2015. In response to this we have made the following changes to the ICD-10 internal timeline.

1) **We have established a target date of Spring 2015 for internal documentation and coding to be ICD-10 compliant.** This will allow us time to test these changes and ensure continuity of reimbursement before the national go live date of October 1, 2015. More information on this will be forthcoming.

2) **We are asking that clinicians complete their ICD-10 training as currently scheduled.** A major focus of this training is improved documentation and specificity which is critically needed to help with reimbursement now, not just at the ICD-10 transition. We will not be asking clinicians to repeat this training at a later date, but will provide additional educational materials and focused support for high risk areas and gaps.

3) With the delay in ICD-10 implementation, **an ambulatory Interim Charge Capture solution will not be necessary** prior to the ambulatory Epic go live. Related work to improve the specificity of ambulatory coding and to improve encounter forms should continue.

Thank you for your support. Please refer to the updated internal BMC ICD-10 homepage (under '@Work' or <http://internal.bmc.org/icd10/>) for additional information and FAQ's, or contact Fred Little or Pam Hansen if you have any specific questions we can address.

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