

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

# ICD-10 UPDATE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) FINAL RULE RELEASED

## **CONFIRMED COMPLIANCE DATE FOR ICD-10 IS OCT. 1, 2015**

HHS recently issued its final rule regarding compliance with the ICD-10 code sets, and the federal compliance date has been set as Oct. 1, 2015. To elaborate on the final rule, which was published in the August 4 *Federal Register*, an HHS press release further stated "this deadline allows providers, insurance companies and others in the health care industry time to ramp up their operations to ensure their systems and business processes are ready to go on October 1, 2015."

Highmark reported to you in late April 2014 that we've been pressing forward to ensure ICD-10 preparedness. Moving forward, Highmark will release more specific details of our testing efforts and the associated timelines. Therefore, we encourage you to remain vigilant in transitioning your practice or facility to ICD-10.

Stay tuned to the NaviNet Plan Central and Provider Resource Center Today's Message pages for more specific news on ICD-10.