

TODAY'S MESSAGE

CMS ICD-10 QUICK START GUIDE ADDED TO TOOL KIT ICD-10 INDUSTRY LEADER ASSISTANCE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) consistently offers resources that aid, educate and support your ICD-10 transition efforts. Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia (Highmark West Virginia) stands firm in promoting and providing quality industry leader resources to you, our valued network providers. That's why we've included [CMS's Quick Start Guide](#) in our ICD-10 Tool Kit. (You'll locate it on the Tool Kit's Table of Contents page, first selection.)

The Quick Start Guide was initially rolled out in CMS's June 22, 2015 ICD-10 news email at the 100 day count down mark of the ICD-10 compliance date, Oct. 1, 2015. (If you aren't currently enrolled to receive CMS ICD-10 emails we encourage you to [sign up](#) today.) In addition to locating the Guide in the CMS emails and Highmark West Virginia Tool Kit you can also find it on [CMS's ICD-10](#) web page.

As CMS states, the Quick Start Guide provides "5 steps health care professionals should take to prepare for ICD-10 by the October 1, 2015, compliance date". Let's face it; any major undertaking can appear daunting initially! It's how we identify, prioritize and engage in stepping through each phase that makes the end result more easily attainable. To follow are CMS's five steps. Each step provides descriptions, bullet points and links to guide you in your transition effort:

- Make a Plan
- Train Your Staff
- Update Your Processes
- Talk to Your Vendors and Health Plans
- Test Your Systems and Processes

Additionally, CMS provides [Road to ICD-10](#) which assists small physician practices with their ICD-10 transition efforts. This resource is and has been included in the ICD-10 Tool Kit since its inception. (Located on page 3, link titled: CMS Small Physician Practices.) To follow are a few of the available resource offerings:

- ICD-10 Overview
- Physician Perspective
- Specialty References
- Webcasts and Videos
- Medical Cases
- FAQs
- Quick References and Templates

Whether you're well on your way to ICD-10 compliance or just beginning, the CMS Quick Start Guide, Road to ICD-10, CMS emails and Highmark West Virginia Tool Kit may offer valuable assistance.

Highmark West Virginia, also, encourages you to visit the ICD-10 Library frequently. The ICD-10 Library, located on the Provider Resource Center under *ICD-10/HIPAA*, is your primary resource for all things ICD-10 including: the Tool Kit, FAQs, articles and websites of relevance, like www.CMS.gov/ICD10.