



Medicare ICD-10 Testing



*Medicare's Testing Plan
for ICD-10 Success*

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Our Approach

CMS is taking a comprehensive four-pronged approach to preparedness and testing to ensure that CMS, as well as the Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) provider community, is ready:

- CMS internal testing of its claims processing systems
- Beta testing tools available from CMS
- Acknowledgement testing
- End-to-end testing

Testing is Key to Success

- CMS completed two successful Acknowledgement Testing Weeks with submitters in March 2014 and November 2014.
- CMS recently completed the first of three end-to-end testing weeks in January 2015.

Acknowledgement Testing

- Allows testers to submit claims with ICD-10 codes to the Medicare Fee-For-service (FFS) claims systems and receive electronic acknowledgements confirming that their claims were accepted.
- This testing can be performed at any time, or during targeted testing weeks.
- All electronic submitters are eligible to participate, and no registration is required.

March '14 Acknowledgement Testing Success

- Testers submitted more than 127,000 claims with ICD-10 codes and received electronic acknowledgements confirming that their claims were accepted.
- Approximately 2,600 participating providers, suppliers, billing companies and clearinghouses participated in the testing week, representing about five percent of all submitters.
- Testing did not identify any issues with the Medicare FFS claims systems.

November '14 Acknowledgement

Testing Success

- During the November testing week, testers submitted almost 13,700 claims.
- More than 500 providers, suppliers, billing companies, and clearinghouses participated in the testing week.
- Testing did not identify any issues with the Medicare FFS claims systems.

March '15 Acknowledgement Testing Success

- Our third acknowledgement testing week was held March 2 through 6, 2015.

Future Acknowledgement Testing

- Providers, suppliers, billing companies, and clearinghouses are welcome to submit acknowledgement test claims anytime up to the October 1, 2015 implementation date.
- In addition, special acknowledgement testing weeks give submitters access to real-time help desk support and allows CMS to analyze testing data. Registration is not required. Mark your calendar:
 - June 1 through 5, 2015

End to End Testing

- End-to-end testing allows providers to submit ICD-10 test claims that will be fully processed and produce a remittance advice.
- This is the first time this type of testing has been available to providers.
- Approximately 850 providers will have the opportunity to participate during each testing period, for a total of 2,550 testers. The goals of this testing are to demonstrate that:
 - Providers and submitters are able to successfully submit claims containing ICD-10 codes to the Medicare FFS claims systems
 - CMS software changes made to support ICD-10 result in appropriately adjudicated claims
 - Accurate Remittance Advices are produced

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- Registration is required for end-to-end testing, as a limited number of volunteers may be chosen.
- 50 volunteers will be chosen by each MAC to participate in each testing round.
- Volunteers chosen will be allowed to submit 50 test claims during the testing week.
- Volunteers will be chosen to provide a representative sample of submitters.
- Once selected, volunteers will be able to submit 50 additional claims in subsequent testing rounds without re-registering.

January 2015 End to End Testing

- The first End to End Testing Week was conducted **January 26-February 3, 2015.**
- Approximately 660 providers and billing companies submitted nearly 15,000 test claims.
- Only 3% of test claims were rejected for invalid submission of ICD-10 diagnosis or procedure code.
- One ICD-10 system problem was found related to Home Health claims, which will be corrected before the next week of testing.

Future End to End Testing

- Round 2 of end-to-end testing will be April 27-May 1, 2015
 - Testers for April have already been selected, and are preparing to test.
- Round 3 of end-to-end testing will be July 20-24, 2015.
 - Registration on the MAC and CEDI websites will be open through April 17, 2015.