



COMMISSIONER
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To: Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 15-44
Changes to the Submission Instructions for the Medical Necessity and Level of Care Assessment due to the International Classification of Disease Transition

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations about the International Classification of Disease (ICD) transition from Version 9 (ICD-9) to Version 10 (ICD-10) and associated process changes for submitting diagnosis codes on the Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessment.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require healthcare provider and governmental entities to transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10, effective October 1, 2015.

To ensure there is no lapse in individuals' program eligibility, changes to processes for submission of MN/LOC Assessments are necessary during the transition period as outlined below. Effective immediately:

- ICD code versions must be based on submission date, as opposed to the effective date of the MN/LOC Assessments.
- All MN/LOC Assessments with submission dates before October 1, 2015, must be submitted using ICD-9 diagnostic codes only.
- All MN/LOC Assessments with submission dates of October 1, 2015, or later, must be submitted using ICD-10 diagnostic codes only.
- MN/LOC Assessment submissions with multiple diagnoses must be submitted using diagnostic codes of the same version (i.e. ICD-9 or ICD-10) and in accordance with the MN/LOC Assessment submission date information listed above.

You can find additional information regarding the ICD-10 transition on the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)-ICD-10 webpage:

<http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/icd10/>. The Health and Human Services Commission and DADS will publish additional information related to the ICD-10 transition as necessary. DADS encourages providers to stay abreast of information posted by CMS and the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Schnina Reed at Schnina.Reed@DADS.state.tx.us or (512) 438-2973.

Sincerely,

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