

**Email notice sent to hospital data reporting contacts on
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The purpose of this email is to provide preliminary information about ICD-10-CM implementation for Arizona hospital discharge data reporting, and to solicit your input.

The state of Arizona will implement ICD-10-CM in conjunction with the national implementation on October 1, 2014. Although the current Arizona data reporting file structure will accommodate ICD-10-CM codes, the implementation of ICD-10-CM will necessitate changes to the Arizona state data reporting requirements and auditing methodologies to accommodate the differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM.

As you are aware, the implementation of ICD-10-CM falls in the middle of an Arizona data reporting period (2014-02, discharges July 1 through December 31, 2014). Due to the fact that the reporting period time frames are state law (A.R.S. §35.125.05.G.), the time frames cannot be altered by this office. Therefore, in the Arizona state data reporting for 2014-02, discharges July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 must be reported with ICD-9-CM codes, and discharges on/after October 1, 2014 must be reported with ICD-10-CM codes.

Further, since the transition to ICD-10-CM will require all hospitals to alter their state report programming, the state will also concurrently implement other changes unrelated to ICD-10-CM that are necessary to preserve data quality; the thought being that it is less disruptive and more efficient to make all needed changes at the same time.

The target release date for the Arizona Hospital Data Reporting Specifications Manual for the 2014-02 reporting period is July 1, 2013. This release date will provide hospitals and their vendors with 12 months prior notice before the first 2014-02 record is coded, and 18 months prior notice before the submission period for 2014-02 data begins.

At this time, the state has created a DRAFT of the 2014-02 reporting specifications (Section C of the state reporting manual), which is attached to this email.

Please review this document, and provide *in writing* (email preferred) any comments or concerns you may have no later than February 12, 2013.

Thank you for your attention and participation.