

**ICD-10 FORUM
Initial Meeting, May 14, 2010**

Meeting Summary

Participants

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Walter Dennis, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mass.
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Welcome and Introductions

Michele Alexanian, Director of Finance and Administration, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium

The Consortium's next conference, Transforming the Delivery System, will be on Friday, June 4, 2010, and will focus on payment reform. A link to the registration website may be found at [Annual](#).

The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium is establishing an ICD-10 Forum because of the importance of the implementation of a new and greatly expanded set of diagnostic codes. ICD-10 and 5010 will affect both IT and all the financial systems in healthcare, and many of the clinical practices as well. The Consortium held a session on this topic last summer and a breakout session as part of our October 2009 HealthMart conference, and the participants at those events recommended that we convene an ICD-10 Forum beginning in the first half of 2010.

HIPAA ICD-10 Update

Liza Moran, Director of Business Strategy and Program Leadership for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

(A copy of the presentation is attached.)

During the presentation, when Ms. Moran was speaking of the challenges presented by the implementation, individuals asked about the costs that would be borne by both the payers and providers.

While discussing transition periods, participants wanted to know the difference, if any, between crosswalks and GEMs (General Equivalent Mappings) as well as how billing coders would use them.

Also, there were comments made about the difference between ICD-9/10 (used to support billing and administrative activities) and SNOMED-CT, which seems to have more favor amongst people concerned with purely clinical applications.

During Q&A, audience members spoke of their primary concerns. These concerns were also deemed salient topics for future Forum meetings and included:

- Communication to all stakeholders that ICD-10 has implications far beyond a new coding set for billing.

- The development of a crosswalk between ICD-9 and ICD-10.
- The development of strategic use of the implementation of ICD-10 as well as a ROI.
- The possible changes in medical policy after the implementation of ICD-10.
- The differences in the provider and payer views and uses of ICD-10.
- The effect of ICD-10 adoption on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the stimulus bill HITECH Act implementation of EHRs and health information exchange).

It was noted that the Massachusetts Hospital Association is having a workshop for coders in August (details to be announced soon).

The Forum members decided to meet on a monthly basis, and were open to the development of workgroups in the future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, 2010 at 9:00 at the Consortium's office. The topic and speaker will be announced soon.

Please visit

<http://mahealthdata.org/Events?eventId=163519>

to register for this meeting.