

Thank you for another successful meeting of the ICD-10 Forum. A summary of the 6.18.2010 meeting is below. Ellen MacMullin and Patti Falasca's presentation is attached for your convenience.

The Consortium's next conference, HealthMart10: How to Achieve Meaningful Use, will be on October 5, 2010, and is designed to bring together physicians, practice administrators, office managers, and other healthcare professionals with electronic health record and other healthcare product vendors. A link to the vendor registration website may be found at [HealthMart10](#). Attendee registration will be open soon.

### Welcome and Introductions

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

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.

### ICD 10; A Providers Perspective

***Patti Falasca***, Manager of Coding, Winchester Hospital  
***Ellen MacMullin***, Director of HIM, Winchester Hospital

A few bullet points of the discussion that ensued around the presentation are below:

- The largest concern on the provider side is the 60% decrease in productivity that is expected with the switch to ICD 10.
- There was discussion about the difference between encoding and computer assisted coding.
- Orthopedics and Ob/Gyn will have the largest shift in coding procedures.
- Providers see less value in a crosswalk than payors.
- BCBS of MA and Medicare will accept dual coding for possibly 1 year beyond 10.1.2013.
- Providers will code in ICD 10 on 10.1.2013 (unless otherwise mandated), whereas payors may be ready to accept at different times prior to 10.1.2013 for testing purposes.

A few questions around the discussion are below:

- Who is the expert on audits and appeals?
- How do you overcome the shortage of IS staff and coders?
- How do you reconcile ICD 9 to ICD 10 budget?
- Is there a central resource for training information?

## Next Steps

- Formation of the “Whatever You Want It to Be” workgroup

This workgroup will take up different topics of interest and, consequently, will have different members from time to time.

Please contact Michele at [malexanian@mahealthdata.org](mailto:malexanian@mahealthdata.org) with your suggestions for topics and your willingness to participate for the length of the topic.

Possible topics include “How to establish timely communication between payers and providers” and “How to get Human Resources involved early on”.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010 at 9:00 at the Consortium’s office. The topic and speaker will be announced soon.

Please visit <http://mahealthdata.org/Events?eventId=172269> to register for this meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at future Consortium events.