

## Timely Topics

### PAYMENT AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

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#### Have You Mapped Your Most Commonly Reported ICD-9-CM Codes to ICD-10-CM?

A recent ASA Timely Topic article listed ten questions that you should be asking yourself about ICD-10. One of those questions was “*Have you mapped your most commonly reported ICD-9-CM codes to ICD-10-CM?*” That article described some of the resources available from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that can assist you in this important step in your transition process. The Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) put forth from your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) are one of those resources.

The MACs are required to convert all ICD-9-CM codes listed in LCD policies to ICD-10-CM codes. At this point in the transition, healthcare professionals have access to LCDs with ICD-9-CM codes and to LCDs with ICD-10-CM codes. LCDs with ICD-9-CM codes are on CMS’ [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#). LCDs with ICD-10-CM codes are currently located on a different part of the CMS website.

Follow these steps to access LCDs with ICD-10-CM codes:

- Go to : <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/national-and-local-indexes.aspx>
- On the CMS MCD Homepage, click on the “**Indexes**” tab at the top of the page
- Select “Local Coverage”
- Select one of the three display options for LCDs (“LCDs by Contractor,” “LCDs by State,” or “LCDs Listed Alphabetically”)
- In the Document types, checkmark the square for “Future LCDs/Future Contract Number LCDs”, click on the “Submit” button
- A list of Future Effective LCDs will display. Those LCDs with a 10/01/2015 effective date include ICD-10-CM codes.

Once you have a listing of the ICD-10-CM codes that your practice will likely be reporting most frequently, you can use it to determine whether your documentation includes the specificity needed to select and support the ICD-10-CM code. Also, be sure to monitor the information you receive from your private payers as they will also be updating policies to include ICD-10-CM codes.

The October 1, 2015 transition date is approaching -- take this step now so that you will have time to address any gaps this review may reveal.

Sources:

- [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)
- <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1421.pdf>