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Is Your ICD-10 Transition Still on Track?

The Payment and Practice Management column in the April 2016 edition of the ASA Monitor provides an update on how the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been able to process and pay claims submitted with ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes. CMS reports very little change in claims processing metrics between baseline and post-transition.

Some of that success may be due to [flexibilities](#) that CMS put in place to ease the transition during the first year (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016). The April 2016 Monitor article cautions ASA members to make sure that **their** continued ICD-10-CM success is not dependent on these allowances since they will no longer be in effect after September 30, 2016.

CMS has provided resources to assist physicians and other healthcare practitioners analyze their ICD-10 implementation progress. New tools include a [Next Steps Toolkit](#) with an accompanying [Infographic](#). This toolkit can be used to identify solutions to specific problems the transition may have presented in your practice.

Other helpful tools from CMS include:

1. CMS [ICD-10 website](#) – collection of all CMS ICD-10 resources, including quick start reference guides, videos, educational resources, and ICD-10 code files;
2. CMS [Road to 10](#) – quick references and specialty references for ICD-10 coding;
3. [Contact list for provider Medicare and Medicaid questions](#) – reference for contacts at the agencies for each state and region to answer ICD-10 related concerns; and
4. The [2016 ICD-10-CM](#) (diagnosis) files, [2016 Coding Guidelines](#), and the [2016 General Equivalency Mapping](#) (GEMs) files.

CMS continues to offer updates via email. You can sign up for these updates and access previous messages at [CMS ICD-10 email updates](#).

Follow the advice from our April Monitor article and [Don't Quit Before You Cross the Finish Line](#)