

Frequently Asked Questions: MS Grouper with Medicare Code Editor ICD-10 Pilot Software

Question: Will the upcoming version MS-DRG Version 29 be able to process ICD-10 claims? Also, do you know if there will be parameter/interface changes required with Version 29?

Answer: No, GROUPER V29.0 will not be able to process claims submitted with ICD-10 codes.

Codes.

- ICD-9-CM codes are in effect until September 30, 2013. On October 1, 2013 which is fiscal year (FY) 2014, CMS will stop using ICD-9-CM and will switch completely to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS.
- Claims submitted for patients discharged on or after October 1, 2013 (FY 2014) that are coded using ICD-9 could possibly be returned to the provider as unable to be processed.
- ICD-10, both CM & PCS, are still in draft form. These are not yet valid codes.
- All information about ICD-10 on the CMS and CDC websites is **draft** only, and is provided for the health care community's advance notice for planning purposes, not for actual use.
- Use of ICD-10-CM and –PCS will be enacted through CMS' normal rule-making process.

This is the web site for CMS' ICD-10-PCS (procedures only):

http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/01_Overview.asp

This is the web site for CDC's ICD-10-CM (diagnoses only):

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>

This is the web site for 2011 ICD-10 long and abbreviated code descriptions:

<http://www.cms.gov/ICD10>

Question: Is March still the expected date for release of a version 28 ICD-10 Grouper?

Answer: CMS will make the V28.0 ICD-10 GROUPER available to NTIS in March, 2011.

Question: Will both the full and abbreviated descriptions of the ICD-10 be available from NTIS when the files are released?

Answer: There will not be separate files for full and abbreviated titles.

Question: Will CMS be updating the draft Version 28 DRG (with I-10) definitions manual prior to your organization receiving the information to create the grouper?

Answer: This is a draft V28.0 ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper. There will be changes to this draft!

Question: Are you aware if later this year when rule making typically takes place if the Grouper will be updated? Or will the draft remain in place until closer to ICD-10 implementation (2012 or 2013) and the DRG methodology is update.

Answer: Any final GROUPER will be subject to rulemaking.

Question: Will we still be able to process 5010 claims with DRG Grouper v26? And if so, is there a timeline for how long that capability will exist?

Answer: The grouper does not care about the 5010. It will group in V26 exactly the same way as long as the data is passed in the format for v26. This capability will not go away in I-9. However, v26 will not support I-10 codes.