



Virginia Hospital Center

Implementing ICD-10

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- 342 Beds
- Med/Surg; Orthopedics; Neurology; OB;
- Cardiology; Cancer Treatment; Psych; Cyberknife; Wound Care Center; Bariatric Surgery
- 17 Coders – code everything except Ancillary Lab
- Most Coders work remotely
- 2 Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialists

First Steps

- Began reviewing and thinking about a strategic plan for transitioning to ICD-10
- Invited an outside consultant to come in and speak to Department Heads on ICD-10 and what was on the horizon
- Coding Manager attended AHIMA ICD-10 Train the Trainer class

Created a Project Committee

Committee Members

- Director of HIM
- Assistant Director of HIM/Coding Manager
- Director of IT
- Representative from Project Management Office
- HIM Executive Assistant

Scope of Work

A Guide for the Project

- Established Responsibilities for the project
- Created a Steering Committee
- Set timelines and milestones
- Identified expected outcomes
- Considered possible obstacles

Contracted for Consultant Support

- Interviewed and researched three companies
- Analyzed their assessment capabilities
- Selected a vendor

Goals for the Assessment

- Inventory and analyze all internal and external programs
- Contact all external vendors and payers to assess readiness
- Analyze current use of ICD-9 codes and potential use of ICD-10 codes
- Help determine training and staffing needs

Current Activities

- Considering purchase of Computer Assisted Coding
- Using CDI Specialist to look at physician documentation needs for ICD-10
- Training a core group of experienced staff to become lead ICD-10 coders
- Planning for coder training

Next Steps

2012

- Will begin educating physicians
- Anatomy and Physiology for the coding staff
- Test Systems and Payers

2013

- Train Coders
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Test, Test, Test

Post Implementation

- Review and audit coding
- Continue Coder training
- Monitor claims and remits
- Follow-up reviews with reporting and registries

What you can do as a registry

- Prepare your programs to accept the ICD-10 code sets and ICD-9 code sets simultaneously
- Be ready to test data from hospitals if requested
- Be prepared to provide documentation that can be submitted to a hospital to show your ICD-10 readiness

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