



Georgia physicians,

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is asking physicians in the state to complete the following survey on the ICD-10 codes that are scheduled to go into effect in 2014. DCH says that it will use this feedback to determine physician awareness and readiness so it can address any gaps in its education and outreach activities. DCH will also publish a summary of the survey results in its "DCH-i" newsletter.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) says that, "(ICD-10) will include codes for new procedures and diagnoses that improve the quality of information available for quality improvement and payment purposes." HHS adds that, "All HIPAA-covered entities must implement the new code sets with dates of service that occur on or after October 1, 2014." And DCH stresses that claims that are submitted with ICD-9 codes for services provided on or after October 1, 2014 will not be paid.

You might recall that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) wrote a letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2012 urging it to either delay the ICD-10 implementation date until October 1, 2015 so it can "examine the effects of ICD-10 on physician practices in a full and comprehensive way" or postpone the ICD-10 transition indefinitely.

Unfortunately, the ICD-10 codes are still scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2014 – so it is to our advantage to complete this survey, which should only take five minutes or less. Please complete the survey by next Friday, February 8.

Finally, please note that Complete Practice Resources offers an exclusive ICD-10 transition resource that's available to MAG members at a discount. [Click here](#) to obtain the Simple Solutions ICD-10 Transition Software or call 855.423.1026 or email info@gemstool.com for additional information.

My sincere thanks for your time and consideration.

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