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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1463

DATE: December 22, 2014

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Clinics

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: ICD-10 Testing of Claim Submission for a Seamless Transition

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has mandated the use of ICD-10 diagnosis codes on claims for outpatient services and the use of ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes on claims for inpatient services starting October 1, 2015. The IME will not accept claims with ICD-9 codes effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015. ICD-10 diagnosis codes must be used for claims with an admission date prior to October 1, 2015, and a discharge date on or after October 1, 2015.

As mentioned in [Informational Letter No. 1440](#)¹, the IME will offer Business-to-Business (B2B) testing via the *CMS ICD-10 Collaborative Tool (CollabT)*. B2B testing allows the IME to execute clinical domain based test cases with as many trading partners, contractors, vendors and providers as possible. For claim submitters, CollabT is a user friendly, web-based ICD-10 testing tool that evaluates coding against CMS standards, returns an 835, and provides cost neutrality reporting.

As of January 1, 2015, the *CMS ICD-10 CollabT* will be available for testing ICD-10 claims. To accelerate testing the IME has created the following Test Calendar:

Cycle Name	Provider Outreach/Training		Claims Testing	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
B2B Testing - Cycle 1	Mon 12/22/14	Fri 1/30/15	Mon 1/12/15	Fri 2/6/15
B2B Testing - Cycle 2	Mon 2/16/15	Fri 3/27/15	Mon 3/9/15	Fri 4/3/15
B2B Testing - Cycle 3	Mon 4/13/15	Fri 5/22/15	Mon 3/23/15	Fri 4/17/15
B2B Testing - Cycle 4	Mon 4/27/15	Fri 6/5/15	Mon 5/18/15	Fri 6/12/15
B2B Testing - Cycle 5	Mon 6/22/15	Fri 7/31/15	Mon 7/13/15	Fri 8/7/15

¹ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1440%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission%20for%20Seamless%20Transition.pdf>

All trading partners, contractors, vendors and providers are encouraged to register for any or all of the above test dates. Look for future informational letters relating to provider outreach and training.

To register for testing, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us. Additional testing information will be posted to the ICD-10 webpage, [ICD-10 Testing Announcements](#)² in the near future.

² <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/ICD-10#News>