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DATE: August 6, 2015

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC)

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

RE: Final IME ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

ICD-10 implementation is approximately 60 days away. The IME has extended the date of the ICD-10 Provider Readiness survey. This is the **sixth** and final survey, in a series of ICD-10 tracking surveys to gauge the progress toward implementation readiness. The information gathered from this sixth survey will be posted to the [ICD-10](#)¹ page on the DHS website.

The IME urges providers to continue their ICD-10 projects and [register to test](#)² with the IME. Robust testing will help ensure a smooth transition to ICD-10. The IME is in the final stages of ICD-10 implementation with all remediation efforts complete and external End-to-End (E2E) testing in progress. E2E testing continues through October 7, 2015, to accommodate claims submitters with their remediation efforts.

Based on the July 27, 2015, [press release](#)³ from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a delay in ICD-10 implementation beyond October 1, 2015, is unlikely. Furthermore, CMS clarified in the press release the term *valid ICD-10-CM code* is, “composed of codes with 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 characters. A three character code is to be used only if it is not further subdivided”.

Please complete one survey for each provider agreement (each unique tax ID) that you have with the IME. Given the array of questions in this survey, please ask others within your organization for assistance in completing the survey as necessary.

Please complete the IME ICD-10 [Provider Readiness Survey](#)⁴.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and **MUST BE COMPLETED BY 12:00 PM (Central Time) Wednesday, September 30, 2015.**

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions on ICD-10 please email icd-10project@dhs.state.ia.us or contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, (Option 1 then 7).

For more information, please visit the [ICD-10](#) page of the DHS website.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/ICD-10>

² <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5312.pdf>

³ <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Clarifying-Questions-and-Answers-Related-to-the-July-6-2015-CMS-AMA-Joint-Announcement.pdf>

⁴ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ICD-10Final_Survey.pdf