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CMS Announces ICD-10 Implementation Date of October 1, 2014 and new Identification Numbering System for Health Plans

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced on April 9, 2010² a proposed rule that would delay implementation of the ICD-10 coding system from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. The proposed rule would also establish a unique health plan identifier under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

BACKGROUND: Hospitals had expressed serious concerns about the previous October 1, 2013 ICD-10 implementation date. CMS had previously announced a delay and today's announcement revises the implementation date to October 1, 2014. The CMS announcement also unveils that the proposed rule "simplifies the administrative process for providers by proposing that health plans have a unique identifier of a standard length and format to facilitate routine use in computer systems. This will allow provider offices to automate and simplify their processes, particularly when processing bills and other transactions."

Comments on the proposed rule are due 30 days after it will be published in the Federal Register.

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