

ICD-10, 5010 Compliance Deadlines Delayed

FEDS GIVE COVERED ENTITIES MORE TIME TO IMPLEMENT PROPERLY.

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With many in the U.S. health care industry [scrambling to upgrade](#) to Version 5010 standards for electronic health transactions and fearing similar upcoming challenges when transitioning to *ICD-10*, the federal government has announced it is delaying the compliance deadlines for both. Version 5010, which had an original compliance date of Jan. 1, 2012 and was previously delayed until March 30, 2012, has been delayed a second time, with a current compliance date of June 30; the new *ICD-10* compliance date, originally Oct. 1, 2013, has not yet been determined.

Regarding *ICD-10*, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced on Feb. 16 that HHS would, according to an HHS press release, "initiate a process to postpone the date by which certain health care entities have to comply with *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition* diagnosis and procedure codes (*ICD-10*)." In making the announcement, Secretary Sebelius commented:

"*ICD-10* codes are important to many positive improvements in our health care system. We have heard from many in the provider community who have concerns about the administrative burdens they face in the years ahead. We are committing to work with the provider community to reexamine the pace at which HHS and the nation implement these important improvements to our health care system."

Meanwhile, in announcing a second enforcement deadline delay for implementation of Version 5010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Office of E-Health Standards and Services made a similar announcement, stating the following: [We] will not initiate enforcement action for an additional three (3) months, through June 30, 2012, against any covered entity that is required to comply with the updated transactions standards adopted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA): ASC X12 Version 5010 and NCPDP Versions D.0 and 3.0."

For additional information regarding *ICD-10* and Version 5010, read Samuel Collins' [recent article](#), "New 5010 Standards, Electronic Health Records and the *ICD-10*," published in the Oct. 21, 2011 issue of *DC*.

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