

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT PROGRAM
ICD-10
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is ICD-10 mandatory for FECA?

A. Yes

Q. Who will be affected by ICD-10?

A. Everyone. ICD-10 is more than just an IT or administrative change; it affects everything from bill submissions to software changes to the way doctors complete their notes.

Q. What is the date for the transition to ICD-10?

A. October 1, 2015.

Q. What are some of the benefits of ICD-10?

A. ICD-10 includes more clinical detail and specificity than ICD-9.

Q. What does ICD-10 compliance mean?

A. ICD-10 compliance means that a HIPAA-covered entity must utilize ICD-10 codes for healthcare services provided on or after October 1, 2015. ICD-9 diagnosis and inpatient procedure codes cannot be used for services provided on or after this date.

Q. What FECA bill types will be affected by ICD-10?

A. CMS/OWCP 1500, UB-04 (Inpatient & Outpatient), American Dental Association, NALC-200 (Carrier Reimbursement).

Q. Will ICD-10 replace Health Care Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding?

A. No, the transition to ICD-10 does not affect HCPCS/CPT coding for outpatient procedures and physician services.

Q. What happens if I do not switch to ICD-10 for FECA?

A. Bills for procedures performed on or after October 1, 2015 that do not use ICD-10 diagnosis codes cannot be processed and will be returned to the provider.

Q. How will FECA handle split claims?

A. For the FECA program, the discharge date will determine what code set to utilize. Bills with a discharge date of 9/30/2015 or before must use ICD-9 codes, and bills with a discharge date of 10/1/2015 or after must use ICD-10 codes.

Q. Will FECA continue to accept ICD-9 codes for service performed on or after 10/1/2015?

A. No.

Q. Will FECA accept the revised CMS HCFA 1500 claim form version 02/12?

A. Yes, FECA has been accepting the revised form since January, 2015. We will continue to accept and process bills submitted on the CMS 1500 claim form as it supports various coding requirements and prepares for the conversion to ICD-10 diagnosis coding. Bills for dates of service on or after 10/1/2015 require the use of ICD-10 CM.

Q. Will FECA have new edits for ICD-10?

A. Yes.

Q. Are FECA providers required to split Authorizations, one authorization for ICD-9 and one for ICD-10?

A. No. If the authorization for the service dates provided overlap, the authorization will span over the Authorization period.

Q. Will the Request for Authorizations (templates) for FECA change for ICD-10?

A. New authorization templates will be used, effective 10/1/2015. The templates advise providers to list ICD-9 for DOS on or prior to 9/30/2015, or ICD-10 for DOS on or after 10/1/2015.

Q. Who do I contact if there are questions pertaining to ICD-10 who can I contact?

A. Please contact Xerox at 1-866-335-8319.

Q. Who do I contact if there are questions pertaining to ICD-10 and EDI submissions?

A. Please contact Xerox EDI at 1-800-987-6717.

Q. Who do I contact if I use P2P for EDI?

A. Please contact P2P EDI at 1-866-450-3898.