PREBILL
ICD-10 FAQ

Q1: Can I submit claims with ICD-10-CM and/or ICD-10-PCS codes for payer adjudication prior to October 1, 2015?

> **No. CMS and other payers will accept ICD-10 claims with dates of service or discharge dates <u>on or after</u> October 1, 2015.**

Q2: Should I have an independent test environment to test ICD-10 data?

> **Yes. The Cirius Group, Inc. does not recommend testing ICD-10 claim data in your production environment. An independent test environment on your existing hardware can be setup at our standard hourly rate.**

Q3: Is the inbound ANSI 837 translator ICD-10 ready?

> **Yes. The inbound ANSI 837 translator has been updated for ICD-10 with the appropriate code list qualifiers.**

Q4: Can I still use my 4010/4010A1 ANSI 837 file as a data source for the ICD-10 transition?

> **No. Only the 5010 ANSI 837 supports the use of the ICD-10 code list qualifiers.**

Q5: Can I still use a print image claim form source for the ICD-10 transition?

> **Yes. With the appropriate diagnosis code indicator (form locator 66 on the UB-04 and field 24 on the 1500 form (012/02) a print image source is an acceptable data source.**

Q6: Will Prebill and/or other applications support both ICD-9 and ICD-10 code sets?

> **Cirius Group applications will be able to concurrently edit for ICD-9 and ICD-10 code sets (but not on the same claim, a given claim should have either ICD-9 or ICD-10 code sets, not both).**

Q7: Specify the date that the application will able to validate ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets.

> **Standard edit validity checks on ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets using the 2013 draft versions have been available since the October 2013 quarterly edit update.**

Q8: How long will Cirius support the ICD-9 code set?

> **Cirius will support edits for the ICD-9 code set for at least seven years after the ICD-10 implementation date.**

Q9: Will the Cirius Group, Inc. employ General Equivalence Mappings (GEM) for unpublished local and national coverage determinations policies from payers?

> **Using a "was/is" strategy, the payer coverage policies will use the GEM files to upconvert the code set from ICD-9 to ICD-10.**

Q10: Is the GEM's data a complete code set?

Not presently. Not all ICD-9 codes have a crosswalk match in the GEM data.

Q11: Why is the Cirius Group, Inc. converting payer coverage policies with an incomplete GEM data instead of waiting for policies to be published?

To substantiate the effects of unpublished ICD-10 payer coverage policies in an independent test environment utilizing customer data.

Q12: How many payers have published their ICD-10 claims processing edits?

None yet.

Q13: How will a payer's late and/or unpublished ICD-10 claim processing edits affect billing?

We cannot say for sure. ICD-9 claim processing edits will be converted to a baseline for ICD-10 code sets. The Cirius Group, Inc. is committed to keeping claims flowing using the best information available.

Q14: Will the converted payer coverage policy edits be replaced by the actual published policies?

Yes. We hope that all policies will be published in time to implement them

Q15: Can I disable the converted payer coverage policy edits at go-live?

Yes. Non-published payer coverage policy edits, if any, may be disabled.

Q16: Should I be less aggressive with automated ICD-10 coverage determinations write-offs?

Perhaps; it will depend on testing and experience as the compliance date approaches.

Q17: Will you provide a test plan or will we need to develop one?

The Cirius Group Inc. has developed a generalized project plan which is available for download from the Cirius Group, Inc. support web site.

Q18: What are Cirius hardware requirements for ICD-10 code set testing?

There are no anticipated hardware upgrade requirements. Older computer equipment should be evaluated for hardware improvements. The server should have enough server disk space in which to create an independent test environment.

Q19: Will Cirius provide a training plan or will we need to develop one?

We do not anticipate any specific training to be required at the product level. ICD-10 coding training is required for certified coders to maintain their credentials.

Q20: Will we incur additional costs for standard edit file and standard PQL library files to accommodate ICD-10 code sets?

No. The Cirius Group, Inc. will provide updates to all standard edit suites and standard PQL library files at no additional cost.

Q21: Should I request a consulting engagement from the Cirius Group, Inc. to ensure my customizations are ICD-10 ready (custom edits, local contracts, custom Adhoc reports, custom utility programs, etc.)?

Yes. The consulting engagement performed by the Cirius Group, Inc. is not an ICD-10 requirement. However, the engagement is recommended to identify ICD-9 customizations, plan for the ICD-10 equivalencies, and to make those changes ahead of the ICD-10 compliance date.

Q22: Is trading partner end-to-end testing available?

To the degree possible, end-to-end testing with your trading partners is available at our standard hourly rate.