



What is the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS)?

ICD-10-CM/PCS replaces ICD-9-CM which has outdated and obsolete terminology of some conditions, uses outdated codes that produce inaccurate and limited data, and is inconsistent with current medical practice. It consists of two volumes:

- ICD-10-CM — The diagnostic coding system and clinical modification of the World Health Organization's ICD-10 coding scheme
- ICD-10-PCS — The procedural coding system developed for use in the U.S.

What are the Benefits of Adopting ICD-10-CM/PCS?

There are many benefits associated with adopting ICD-10-CM/PCS, including that it:

- Incorporates much greater specificity and clinical information
- Includes updated medical terminology and classification of diseases
- Provides the ability to compare mortality and morbidity data
- Provides better data



What Steps Should I Take in Order to Plan and Prepare for the Implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS?

The compliance date for implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS is October 1, 2013 for all covered entities. In order to plan and prepare for the implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS, it is recommended that the following steps be completed as soon as possible:

- Develop an implementation strategy
- Develop an education plan
- Develop a budget

Where Can I Find Additional Information About ICD-10-CM/PCS?

Additional information about ICD-10-CM/PCS can be accessed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD10> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website and <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm> on the Web.

