BLACK LUNG BENEFITS PROGRAM ICD-10 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is ICD-10 mandatory?

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 Black Lung bill types will be affected by ICD-10?

A. CMS/OWCP 1500 and UB-04 (Inpatient & Outpatient)

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 Black Lung?

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 Black Lung handle split bills?

A. Black Lung program will require inpatient bills to be split if the coverage dates span the ICD-10 implementation date. In this case, two bills are required; one with dates of service through 9/30/2015 with ICD-9 codes, and a second bill for services on and after 10/1/2015 with ICD-10 codes.

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

A. No.

Q. Will Black Lung accept the revised CMS 1500 claim form version 02/12?

A. Yes, Black Lung 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 Black Lung have new edits for ICD-10?

A. Yes, please see DCMWC ICD-10 Billing Edits.

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

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.