



April 6, 2015

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Dear Colleagues:

As you know, the effective date for implementation of ICD-10 is October 1, 2015. Accurate, thorough documentation is a foundational element of care delivery and demonstrates quality care. As we transition to ICD-10, as providers, we will be asked to document with further specificity the conditions that we are managing and the patient's response to treatment. By doing so, we will help to ensure our documentation supports the level of specificity that ICD-10 permits. This will not require a change in how we practice medicine or treat patients. Rather, it requires us to document our patient care more fully, ensuring a precise description of the illnesses we are treating.

In order to become familiar with the increased documentation requirements and the resulting effect on quality metrics, Via Christi is offering educational materials, tools, and resources. These include courses developed by Precyse Solutions and available to you through the Healthstream Learning Management System.

Precyse offers more than 200 ICD-10 related courses; however, assignments were made based on your specialty and practice. Each provider has two to six training modules assigned, and these are estimated to take two to four hours for completion. In addition, we are pleased to announce that the courses assigned have been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Instructions regarding how to access these courses and contact information are found on the attached page.

If you believe any courses assignments are not appropriate for you or there are additional courses you may be interested in, please check the contact information on the attached page.

We encourage you to complete these training modules by September 1 to ensure you are prepared for the implementation date. The modules will remain available to you through the end of 2015 in the event you need a refresher after ICD-10 goes live.

To help you begin to prepare, additional ICD-10 resources are posted on a special page on our Intranet, The Source. The page may be accessed on any Via Christi computer from The Source home page by typing [thesource/icd10](#) in the website address bar at the top of the page. There is also a link to ICD-10 tools on our public Internet site at <https://www.viachristi.org/health-professionals-and-logins/icd-10>. You will find documentation tips, links and articles.



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Accurate documentation ensures that our work and efforts are well represented in our data and will be crucial in our transition to improved management of populations and better reflection of the quality care that we provide. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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