

DUAL CODING



Remember when October 2014 was a distant future date you could ignore today and deal with tomorrow?

It's easy to procrastinate and, according to recent industry polls, the procrastinators are in the majority. But like birthdays and taxes, these "due dates" are upon us before we know it, and this one is no exception.

Start with a simple, straightforward way to reduce the uncertainty and doubt caused by a change of this magnitude – implement a dual coding project. Dual coding is a practical way to prepare coders for the pervasive breadth of the new ICD-10 coding system. Beyond that, it will help avoid reimbursement losses and reduce the challenge of uncertainty.

Dual coding is the term used to define the process of coding the same record with both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. Precyse already has dual coding projects underway, and when you work with us you can define both the size and structure of the program. Precyse will help you maintain or reduce your current Discharged Not Final Billed (DNFB)

numbers by coding cases in ICD-9 while your staff simultaneously codes those same cases in ICD-10. Reverse it, and Precyse will code your cases in ICD-10 while your coders code those same cases in ICD-9. What this simultaneous coding does is offer your organization

a chance to address issues while identifying deficiencies with either code set. The earlier you start a dual coding program, the greater your chances for success under the new classification system.

With a very scalable program that supports all patient types and either randomly selected, focused or all patient records, you now have the opportunity to gather and assess your coded data and significantly reduce your risk. Quality assurance analysis enables you to zero in on the areas where additional education and training are needed. Then you can determine when to implement a clinical documentation improvement (CDI) program like the precyseCDI™ Solution or add online learning like Precyse University. A tailored, well-executed plan is paramount to your organization's ability to manage the change to ICD-10.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Tailored program to fit the needs of your organization
- Quality coding in either ICD-9 or ICD-10 with minimal risk
- Improved education/training with access to Precyse University's ICD-10 education platform and the precyseCDI Solution
- Reduced risk of financial uncertainty
- Outsourced project management to the Precyse specialists in ICD-10
- Supplemented coding staff with Precyse expert coders
- Mitigated risk associated with:
 - Accounts receivable/Discharged Not Final Billed (DNFB)
 - Documentation and recognition of patient acuity
 - Quality data and scorecards

RESULTS

- High-quality code assignments with an emphasis on accuracy
- Streamlining of your coding preparations for ICD-10
- Stabilized Case Mix Index, cash flow and DRG-based revenue
- Identification of gaps in policies, procedures and industry best practice guidelines
- Reduction of lost reimbursements, coding backlogs and coding-related claim denials
- Improved results of internal and external audits
- Enhanced regulatory compliance and quality of documentation specificity in preparation of ICD-10

SUCCESS STORY

“Based on interviews and educational sessions at the recent AHIMA ICD-10/CAC Summit, our early adopters are not alone with their plans to start dual coding projects. Hospitals want their coders to have hands-on coding practice before October 2014. They also want to have historical ICD-10 data to analyze for documentation gaps, education opportunities, contract and reimbursement management. Dual-coding helps them achieve all these goals.”

Cindy Doyon, RHIA, Precyse Vice President
Coding and Client Audit Services and
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PRESTIGIOUS HOSPITAL TAKES ON DUAL CODING FOR ALL RECORDS OF ALL PATIENT TYPES

A large academic medical center on the West Coast treating more than 500,000 outpatient visits a year determined that it needed to prepare for the move to ICD-10 sooner rather than later. The hospital wanted to conduct a dual coding project encompassing all patient records for all patient types. After months of planning and analysis, the project is well underway and showing significant results. In only a few weeks' time, coders' confidence in ICD-10 coding has increased significantly and has progressed to the point where they are now able to code efficiently and effectively in both ICD-9 and ICD-10. The teams, working together, will switch back and forth between coding systems assuring no fluctuation in DNFB numbers. The project provides the opportunity to test interfaces to the hospital's Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) system and complete a pilot project with several of the hospital's large payer organizations. Precyse and the hospital's team work side-by-side achieving and exceeding each project milestone.

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