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Sedgwick committed to meeting 2014 deadline for ICD-10 code compliance

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) was designed to promote international comparability in the collection, processing, classification, and presentation of medical statistics. Sedgwick and our peers currently use the ICD-9 code. However, our industry is required to be fully operational in using the ICD-10 codes by October 1, 2014.

The national ICD-10 initiative is a significant overhaul of the diagnostic and procedural medical coding system mandated by the federal government for use in the health care industry in insurance processing, reimbursement, and statistical data gathering. Implementing these massive changes to existing systems will require that the health care and insurance industries be prepared to convert from approximately 15,000 ICD-9 codes to more than 75,000 ICD-10 codes.

We are fully committed to meeting the deadline. We have established a project task force to ensure that we will be compliant. Our plan includes vendor and client outreach to keep all stakeholders apprised of our ongoing progress. Future updates will outline more specific program, system, and workflow changes.

For additional information on the ICD-10 initiative, please refer to www.cms.gov/ICD10. Should you have any questions about Sedgwick's plan to achieve ICD-10 compliance, please email ICD10@sedgwick.com.

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