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Industry Preparations for the updated HIPAA
Standards and Code Sets

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Overview

- AHA strongly advocated an update to ICD-10
 - Complexity of new medical care and procedures
 - Bio-surveillance
 - Quality reporting
- AHA CEO Briefing on ICD-10



CEO Briefing Index

- CEO Summary
- Senior Management Briefing
- Significance of ICD-10
 - Comparison of Structures
- Strategic Planning & Opportunities
- Overview of ICD-10 Implementation
 - Organizing the effort
 - Planning and Impact Analysis
 - Implementation
 - Post-Implementation & Ongoing Efforts
- Roles by Function
- Resources
- Timelines for Completion



Awareness

- Most hospitals are aware of the upcoming changes
- Many are just beginning the work
 - Steering committee
 - Examining areas impacted
- Challenges
 - Economic downturn – difficult to move on capitol projects
 - Payment by state programs – significant lag
 - Impacting hospital ratings – bond markets



Crosscutting Implementation Issues

- Readiness of the vendor community
- Approach taken by health plans on processing ICD-10 codes
 - Use of the GEMS
 - Development of cross-walk tools
- When to freeze ICD-9 and ICD-10 and for how long



Other Healthcare Developments

- Attention on Health Reform in Congress
- HITECH and IT Stimulus
 - Meaningful use – importance of ICD-10 & 5010
- Reaffirm the implementation dates



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Communication and Outreach

- AHA – CEO Briefing – outlining key components to begin the transition
- Publications – H&HN to include gatefold about the ICD-10 implementation
- Audio programs – 3 already concluded for 2009; expect to have another 3 for 2010



Transaction Standards

- Newer version not a radical departure – improves narrative on reporting requirements
- We developed a cross-walk of the UB-04 data for institutional billing to the 5010 837 Institutional
- Encouraged with the eligibility improvements
 - Particularly efforts by many insurers



Summary

- Continue to inform and educate our members about the upcoming changes
- Outreach and collaboration with other industry leaders

Thank you.



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