WEDI ICD-10 Update

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About Us

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve healthcare information exchange in order to enhance the quality of care, improve efficiency and to reduce costs of the American healthcare system. Formed in 1991 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), WEDI was named in the 1996 HIPAA legislation as an advisor to HHS and continues to fulfill that role today.

- Established in 1991
- Named advisor to the Secretary of HHS under HIPAA
- Web site: www.wedi.org

WEDI draws upon an extensive organization of industry volunteers to help guide focused workgroups based on key Health IT implementation topics.

WEDI Emergency ICD-10 Summit

- WEDI held Emergency ICD-10 Summit on April 30
  - About 200 attendees – half in-person, half virtually
- Used base assumption that ICD-10 will happen
  - How do we deal with delay?
  - How do we move forward?
- Objective was to formulate roadmap forward
- Four key areas were addressed:
  - Root causes for delay; impacts and unintended consequences; high-level roadmap; next steps
- WEDI has written a summary letter from the Summit

Root Causes

- Root causes of organizations not being fully prepared for the October 1, 2014 ICD-10 compliance date
  - Too many mandates
  - No or limited perceived value
  - Inconsistent / negative messaging
  - Prior extensions
  - Vendor product readiness

Impact / Unintended Consequences

- Impact and Unintended Consequences
  - Continuation of ICD-9 capability
  - Compliance date credibility
  - Frustration and uncertainty
  - Slowdown or stoppage (staffing & contractual impacts)
  - Diverted budgets
  - Incremental costs
  - State level / workers' compensation

High-level Roadmap

- Vast majority favored single date cutover and 10/1/15
  - Early adoption / phased approach complicates COB and integrated delivery systems. It would require another impact assessment and potential new development.
- Roadmap areas included
  - Communication and collaboration
  - Testing and tracking / readiness transparency
  - Other considerations

Suggested Actions 1

Communication and Collaboration

- Build credibility around a new date
- Communicate Medicare and Medicaid readiness
- Convey a more positive message
- Focus provider education on CDI
- Re-energize the REC's
- Expand communication and messaging
- Target outreach to non-covered entities

Suggested Actions 2

Testing and Tracking

- Expand Medicare and Medicaid testing – quickly disseminate results
- Encourage an effective private sector testing process
- Consider conducting or supporting limited pilots
- Establish clear milestones and metrics
- Track readiness and share transparently
- Support the PMAP accreditation program

Suggested Actions 3

Other Considerations

- Assess financial impacts of delay
- Identify contingency measures
- Support WEDI's outreach efforts

WEDI ICD-10 Activities

- **WEDI plans to conduct additional readiness surveys in 2014 and beyond**

- WEDI is working with CMS and other industry partners to engage the industry, gather concerns, and coordinate efforts. WEDI brought together state collaboratives to share best practices and facilitate communication.

- A special database of issues and FAQ's has been established.

- WEDI continues workgroup activity on white papers and issue briefs and holds monthly national calls.

- WEDI continues with ICD-10 programming at conferences and forums.

THANK YOU … QUESTIONS?