



ICD-10 UPDATE REQUISITIONS

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Dear Valued PathGroup Client:

The CMS mandated conversion from ICD-9 to ICD-10 will go into effect October 1, 2015. In an effort to ensure uninterrupted order processing, **clients who submit testing by a standard PathGroup requisition should indicate ICD-10 codes for services performed on and after October 1, 2015.**

PathGroup encourages clients to utilize their existing requisition inventory until it has been depleted. Regardless of whether or not a requisition indicates "ICD-9" for diagnosis, clients should provide an ICD-10 code on or after October 1, 2015. PathGroup will accept all existing requisitions provided that the proper ICD-10 code(s) for services is indicated.

The decision to phase out requisitions that mention ICD-9, versus an entire inventory purge and replenishing, has been done to conserve resources. Over the coming months, PathGroup will phase in new requisitions with updated ICD language. Please note, due to the direct listing of ICD-9 codes or increased specificity in ICD-10 requirements, PathGroup's standard Women's Health, Cytology and Urology requisitions have been revised for the October 1 implementation. These new forms are available for order by request to PathGroup's Supplies or Client Services Departments.

Claims submitted with inaccurate or incomplete diagnosis coding may result in denials, creating additional time and labor from all parties to resolve. PathGroup relies on ordering physicians to submit appropriate diagnosis codes for all laboratory services requested. For proper claims processing on and after October 1, it is essential that the most accurate and complete ICD-10 diagnosis codes are filed to avoid incident. Claims encoded using the ICD-9 code set after this date will not be accepted.

With our clients and patients in mind, we remain focused on executing a seamless conversion and uninterrupted service. **For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.**