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## ICD-10 Implementation – Success!

The MHS transition to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) began on 1 October 2015. Due to the extensive training, communication efforts, system upgrades and preparations by all components involved, the transition went better than predicted.

There have been minor nuisances with the transition, causing the overall status to be a “cautionary yellow” throughout the first two months after transition, but no major or critical issues have been reported. On the Direct Care side, there have been a few AHLTA, ABACUS and CCE issues reported that have required software fixes to be brought to resolution, but these have not caused serious system or business process impacts/failures. The Purchased Care (or TRICARE) community has reported a “green” status throughout the transition with no reported issues.

In preparation for the ICD-10 transition, the DHA HIPAA Transactions, Code Sets and Identifiers Program Team stood up a Virtual Ready Room to aid in the transition. This group, comprising component representatives from the Defense Health Agency, Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Capital Region met daily throughout October and November. Individual issues were identified and addressed quickly by these representatives to ensure potential impacts to business processes and systems were minimized.

All of the proactive steps taken by the MHS and all components involved in the ICD-10 transition helped to ensure readiness and preparedness for the successful transition.

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**ICD-10  
Conversion  
Occurred on  
10/1/2015**

### Upcoming Events

**AHIMA Academy for  
ICD-10-CM/PCS:  
Building Expert  
Trainers in Diagnosis  
and Procedure Coding**

December 9 – 11  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

<http://www.ahima.org/events/2015dec-traineracademy-ftlauderdale>

**Seven Strategies to  
Engage Physicians in  
ICD-10-CM/PCS**

January 7  
Online

<http://www.ahima.org/events/2016webjan-SevenStrategiestoEngage>

**Advanced ICD-10-PCS  
Skills Workshop**

January 13 – 15  
Costa Mesa, CA

<http://www.ahima.org/events/2016jan-advancedicd10pcs-costamesa>

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### FUN FACT

Health systems have been submitting 4.6 million ICD-10 claims daily since 1 October 2015.