



MSCI Newsflash

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New Rule for Meaningful Use 2015

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BREAKING NEWS: CMS Releases Final EHR MU Rule

You may have heard already but the CMS has just announced that they are now allowing a 90-day reporting period for providers in 2015. This is part of the release of the Final Rule for Stage 3 and the years beyond the end of the MU staged approach in general.

What does this mean for you?

In 2015, providers will need to report on their use of EHRs for any continuous 90 days within the Calendar Year 2015.

If you have been tracking your Meaningful Use for 2015, you've been running your reports for the year-to-date. We all expected that MU would be for the entire year of 2015, so with that goal in mind and if you've been on track to attest successfully, you already have the data to pass the goals for attestation for this year.

Attestation dates are January 4 to February 29 2016.

Here are some sites you can visit with more information on the new rule:

<https://www.cms.gov/>

<http://www.hitechanswers.net>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com>

More on the future of MU in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Clinical Quality Measures Help

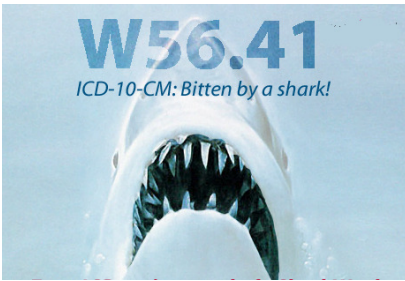
CMS125 - Breast Cancer Screening Women 40-69

Mammogram screening documentation

1. Office Visit Encounter
 - G0202, G0204, G0206
 - Screening with LOINC : 24606-6
3. Med Info: Diagnostic Test - Performed
 - (Many more LOINC codes)
4. Med Info: Screening & Prevention - Performed
 - add LOINC code: 21112-8

Any of these items documented will add the patient to your numerator for this measure.

ICD-10 is Here!



So what about ICD-10 makes it so much better than ICD-9?

Well for one, there is now less burden on clinicians to provide detailed supporting documentation due to the increased clarity in medical terminology and disease clarification. After all, ICD-9 was 34 years old and used outdated terminology.

Imagine trying to use a 34 year old code for a diagnosis resulting from a procedure performed in 2015.

With the increase from 13,000 to about 68,000 codes, medical providers in every field can more accurately document clinical information. Good, right?

ICD-10 now offers not only the potential to provide better data for evaluating and improving the quality of care, there is now cleaner logic of the codes. This may ultimately lead to better justification of medical necessity and lower coding error rates or rejected reimbursements due to questionable consistency between diagnosis and procedure codes.

ICD-10 so far has not been as much of a monster many of us thought it would be. Preparation is key. Starting months in advance with mapping, train-

ing staff and evaluating the affect it would have on your practice, was well worth the extra effort.

Just think, putting it off another year would have led to another year of panic. Change is inevitable, it's learning how to embrace it and manage it that makes it easy.

We have yet to see the result of the earliest batches of claims but as long as we have a smooth work-flow between practice management software, clearinghouses and insurance company sites, we should be ok.

So far, so good.

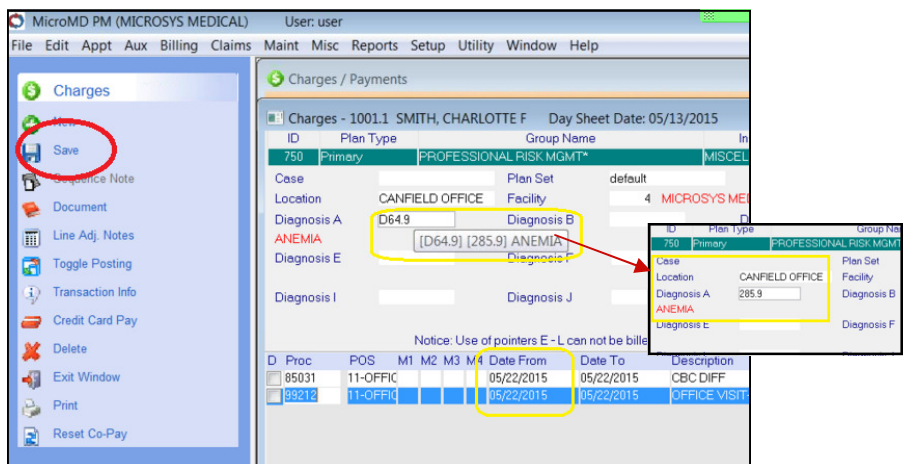


My MicroMD PM is changing my ICD-9 codes to ICD-10 for pre-October service dates

Just in case you've faced this, or haven't yet and panic when you do, you may notice that MicroMD PM will change your entries of ICD-9 codes automatically to ICD-10, for dates of service prior to October 1st.

The system is set up to default to using ICD-10 codes now that we are beyond October 1 on the calendar. However, ICD coding is based on Date of Service and once you save your pre-October charges, the system will save it as ICD-9.

Problem solved.



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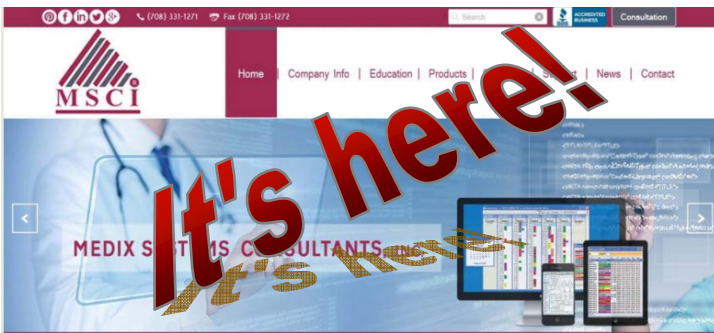


Your webinar will begin shortly...

Please join us for our PM & EMR webinars every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday, of every month!

Submit your questions or requests any-time you would like to see something covered during our webinar.

New Website!



MSCI has a brand new website! More information, more interactive! With on-going updates and featuring newsletters, links to our Support Center, live-chats and more!

Click the Support tab to access the Portal to submit your service ticket.

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MSCI Monthly EMR User Forum

Registration Link Below

- Session XVI-

Join us for our PM Webinar
Wednesday October 14, 2015
at 10:00 AM CST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8564760543344065026>

Reminder: Please get your concerns to us so they can be included.

And..

Join us again for our EMR Webinar
Wednesday October 21, 2015
at 10:00 AM CST.

Register now

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3531399721036657922>

Reminder: The deadline for user submitted questions is 10/14/2015!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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There's a Code for That

Happy Halloween!



Seriously, how do they come up with these?

Y93.D- Activities involved arts and handcraft

If you've tried to make a Halloween costume, you know it is never as easy as you think it will be. Use this code for hot-glue-gun burns or scissor slices.

R46.1- Bizarre personal appearance

Wigs, face paint, and masks are all key pieces of a great Halloween disguise. While these adornments may not stand out at a costume party, they could result in a special code for your medical records.

W61.01- Bitten by parrot

Pirates have been some of the most popular reoccurring characters on the Halloween scene. If the costume includes a real-life parrot, it better be well fed. But if a lack of crackers leads to an avian mishap, ICD-10 has just the code!

Y04.1- Assault by human bite

Parrots aren't the only ones to watch out for this season. If a vampire or zombie takes their costume a bit too seriously, this code will record the chomp.

W22.02- Walked into a lamppost

Masks may terrify, but they do require a certain sacrifice of peripheral vision. With this blow to the senses, lampposts are more likely to sneak up on you.

A28.1- Cat-scratch disease

Halloween isn't complete without a frightening feline or two. Superstition warns of them crossing your path, but some can't resist a seemingly sweet ball of fluff. Trick-or-treaters who learn the hard way can earn bragging rights for this code.