



HEAL Coalition ALERT: Your Comments on ICD-10 Implementation Will Help Make a Difference

If you have not already done so, please respond to the HEAL Coalition's survey requesting your comments on how the potential implementation of the new ICD-10 standards, if enacted, would impact your institution's billing and coding programs.

Members of the House and Senate are scheduled to meet in the coming weeks in order to pass a Health IT bill yet this year. We intend to use your responses as the basis for our efforts to shape the final legislative product, so that the concerns of allied health schools may be heard as part of the ICD-10 debate.

Please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Does your school(s) currently have the resources (teachers, equipment, curriculum, et al.) to properly train students for medical coding and billing using the new ICD-10 standard?
- 2) What types of resources will be needed for schools to make this conversion?
- 3) How much time will be needed for schools to make this conversion?
- 4) How will the greater number of billing codes in the ICD-10 standard – and the technical skills required to analyze and process them – impact your institution's programs?

Congress must be provided with feedback from the private career colleges and schools who will be responsible for helping implement these changes. We must ensure that legislation impacting allied health is being developed with our interests, and those of the professionals we educate, in mind. Join the HEAL Coalition now, and through effective advocacy we can make a difference!

If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information regarding the HEAL Coalition, contact Executive Director Tom Netting at (202) 626-8553.