ICD-10: Opportunities and Challenges for Health Data Organizations

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Objectives

✓ Importance of understanding impact of ICD-10 on data analysis; lessons to be learned

✓ Hidden challenges and opportunities

✓ Details are important

✓ Working in collaboration with others to understand complexities
ICD-10

- Changes to reflect new knowledge and experiences
- 30 years ago......
- Value of data and information to patients and families, providers, regulators, legislators, research, consumers, health plans, etc.
The World Did Not End
Changes Will Have an Impact

• Remember Y2K?

• What about 2004? 2011?
  – Data receipt or acceptance versus processing and utilization

• Data details do make a difference
  – Infections
  – Mental Health
  – Chronic Renal Failure
ICD-10 Alignment

- Align with the world and death records
- Coders can now code actual conditions and procedures
ICD-10 Challenges for Analytics

- More in-depth information

- How to cross-walk effectively? Go from specific to general to trend?

- Many analytic systems not ready

- Assignment of Present on Admission (POA) codes and E-Codes; POA has exempt list for ICD-10
ICD-9-CM Diagnoses Codes:
- Are 3–5 digits;
- The first digit is alpha (E or V) or numeric (alpha characters are not case sensitive);
- Digits 2–5 are numeric; and
- A decimal is used after the third character.

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes:
- Are 3–7 digits;
- Digit 1 is alpha;
- Digit 2 is numeric;
- Digits 3–7 are alpha or numeric (alpha characters are not case sensitive); and
- A decimal is used after the third character.

More extensive coding for example injuries, diabetes, substance abuse, post-op complications
E-codes are optional – consult your state requirements and health plans.
Trending and Comparative Analysis

- Knowing Data – Homework for all of us
  - How many codes processed by health plans and passed on?
  - Medicare Fee for Service – only Medicare data
    - Medicare Advantage growing – 31% of Medicare beneficiaries
    - Colorado – 37%; Iowa 14%; Illinois 21%
    - Medicare Advantage data from hospitals in discharge data base and from commercial health plans in APCD
      - How many codes are captured and submitted to APCD from health plans?
      - Hospitals typically report all diagnostic codes to discharge data systems, but may be hitting maximum allowable to be reported
Expanding Number of Diagnoses and Procedure Codes Reported.....and Processed?

• Are 25 diagnosis and 25 procedure codes sufficient?

• Currently 25 diagnosis codes reported on all Medicare claims; below are the percent of Fee for Service claims with 25 filled diagnosis code fields:
  – Colorado 10%; Iowa 5%; Illinois 8%

• Population Health Management and Management of Complex Care Patients
  – Policy Issues – With narrowed networks, are Medicare Advantage patients more complex, less complex, or the same?
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