

ICD-10 Implementation Delayed . . . again

On Monday evening, March 31st, the Senate agreed to legislation passed by the House which provides yet another patch to the SGR (number 17 if you're counting). Tucked away in this legislation is a provision that prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from adopting the ICD-10 code sets prior to October 1, 2015. While further delay in repealing the SGR is frustrating, many practices will welcome the additional time to prepare for the implementation of ICD-10. By taking full advantage of the next 18 months, a practice might even be able to make the transition in a more cost effective manner.

A 2014 AMA update to the Nachimson Advisors 2008 report on the costs of ICD-10 implementation shows the costs associated with the transition to be significantly higher than originally anticipated. Affordable resources (some even free) from AAN and TMA are available to help your practice navigate this change.

AAN Resource: <https://www.aan.com/practice/billing-and-coding/> please remember that you need to log in for more information.

TMA Resource: <http://www.texmed.org/icd10/>

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