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*Agency of Human Services*

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**Subject:** Preparing for ICD-10  
**Attention:** Vermont Medicaid Providers and Trading Partners

In accordance with the Federal mandate (45 CFR 162 and H.R. 4302) to implement the new ICD-10 code set, the State of Vermont, Department of Health Access, is moving ahead with its preparations for the October 1, 2015 deadline.

This announcement applies to all Vermont Medicaid providers, clearinghouses and billing services.

Vermont Medicaid is fully prepared for the mandated deadline. We have completed the necessary steps to prepare for the transition to the new ICD-10 code set and to meet CMS compliance requirements. These steps included:

- Remediation of Vermont Medicaid policies and procedures
- Remediation of the claims processing system
- System testing to validate the accuracy of claims processing and ICD-9 to ICD-10 mapping

Vermont Medicaid is actively working with all provider types, partners, and many state associations to ensure a smooth transition to ICD-10 on October 1, 2015.

Going forward, Vermont Medicaid's program to help you prepare will include:

- Electronic claims testing for providers, clearinghouses and billing services
- Information packets
- Web-based resources on the DVHA ICD-10 website
- ICD-10 transition support through the Provider Help Desk and by email

DVHA and its fiscal agent (HPES) strongly encourage all clearinghouses and billing services to work with their clients to prepare for testing. The test environment will be available starting on May 1. HPES will publish detailed instructions on how to submit test claims and what results to expect. Instructions will be available in April on the DVHA website at [dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers](http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers) (click on the ICD-10 box).

As we kick off this critical phase, we urge you to confirm your system remediation and staff preparedness by participating in testing. Support will be available for the testing period from May through August. To join our mailing list, please send your email address to [VT-ICD-10@hp.com](mailto:VT-ICD-10@hp.com).

Thank you for the services you provide to our Vermont Medicaid members.

Sincerely,



Lori Collins,  
Deputy Commissioner,  
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