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### **AHIMA Statement on ICD-10 Final Rule Announcement**

CHICAGO, July 31, 2014 -- The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) applauds the confirmation by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of October 1, 2015, as the compliance date for ICD-10-CM/PCS. Now, everyone in the healthcare community has the necessary certainty to move forward with their implementation processes, including testing and training.

As a long-time supporter of ICD-10, AHIMA is pleased that patients and other stakeholders will soon experience the benefits of a modern and robust coding system with greater specificity about diagnoses and procedures. In addition, ICD-10 will provide improved information for multiple purposes such as population and public health and research. ICD-10 will help maximize the return on investment of national initiatives such as electronic health records, meaningful use and performance measures, which will ultimately lead to improved patient care and better health outcomes at reduced costs.

Regardless of where an organization is in the implementation process, AHIMA is available to help with information, training, and technical assistance and support. We maintain our commitment to be a [resource](#) for all stakeholders and will continue our work with public sector agencies, along with industry partners such as the Coalition for ICD-10, to ensure a smooth transition.

AHIMA is analyzing the full text of the final rule to further assess the potential impact on our members. For the latest developments, visit [the Journal of AHIMA](#) and follow [@AHIMAResources](#).

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### **About AHIMA**

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) represents more than 72,000 educated health information management and health informatics professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for high quality research, best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals

worldwide. AHIMA's enduring goal is quality healthcare through quality information.  
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