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PROVIDER INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: EI Providers
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RE: ICD Code Conversion

As all of you should know, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced some time ago that all providers must utilize ICD-10 Codes beginning with dates of service, October 1, 2015. This has been formulating for a number of years with various extensions provided, but the federal government agreed services rendered beginning October 1, 2015 must use ICD-10 Codes.

The Early Intervention (EI) Central Billing Office (CBO) has useful information on their website at www.eicbo.info. Part of the information shared is also information on accessing conversion or cross-walk websites to assist providers in converting the current script written for ICD-9 code to the new required ICD-10 code. There are a number of websites that can easily assist you in converting ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes for services rendered beginning October 1, 2015 such as www.icd10codesearch.com. On many of these websites, you only need to enter the ICD-9 code and it will provide the ICD-10 code that matches the diagnosis for which you are treating the child for the EI service being rendered.

It is important for all EI Providers to be aware of the available resources because it will be the responsibility of the EI Provider to utilize the correct code when submitting claims to private insurance companies or to the EI CBO beginning with dates of service of October 1, 2015 or the claim will be rejected. Dates of service prior to October 1, 2015 must still utilize ICD-9 Codes or the claim will be rejected by the EI CBO.

As the EI child progresses through the system, the Service Coordinator will secure the updated ICD-10 diagnosis code at the next available Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) date by reaching out to the physician. That means until the next IFSP, it will be your responsibility to bill correctly using the correct rendering ICD-10 treatment code.

Please make yourself familiar with the multiple resources available, including the option to purchase full code sets if your business serves the various populations outside of EI. We are providing some known resources to assist you with the least cost associated.

If you experience difficulties in obtaining the necessary ICD-10 code by conversion, you can also reach out to the CMS website for guidance directly at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html?redirect=/ICD10>