

Important Announcement

ICD 10 Diagnosis Code Conversion The Clock is ticking.....

July, 2015

ACL Laboratories is currently finalizing its preparations for ICD-10 compliance. **Effective October 1, 2015**, ICD-10 diagnosis codes will be required in order for ACL Laboratories to submit claims to third-party payers, including Medicare and Medicaid, to receive payment for testing provided.

As a healthcare professional, you know that ACL depends upon our ordering providers to include accurate and appropriate diagnosis codes for the laboratory testing they order. **ACL will require that your practice submit ICD-10 codes with all laboratory orders beginning October 1, 2015 to ensure a smooth transition with this billing mandate.**

ACL Laboratories will be able to accept BOTH ICD-9 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes beginning July 1, 2015. You may wish to provide both ICD-9 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes after this date, to ensure ACL Laboratories has the appropriate code available at the time of patient service. Our billing system is able to accept both diagnosis code sets and use the version applicable to the date your patient presents for service. In the event the patient seeks services after the October 1, 2015 effective date, ACL Laboratories may be able to use the provided ICD-10 code for claim submission.

If you currently have patients with standing orders at ACL Laboratories, those patients will need to be updated with an ICD-10 code prior to October 1, 2015. In August, we will be providing you with a list of current standing orders for your patients and a process for you to submit updates with the new ICD-10 codes to ACL Laboratories prior to the October 1, 2015 conversion date.

Laboratory orders missing ICD-10 codes after the October 1, 2015 effective date will create additional office work for your staff. In addition, laboratory orders without appropriate accompanying diagnosis codes may create unnecessary delays and inconveniences for your patients as attempts are made to gather the information. **If ACL Laboratories does not receive an ICD-10 diagnosis code after our requests, ACL Laboratories will bill your office.**

Clients who utilize EHR vendors should continue to work with them to ensure ICD-10 codes will be able to be submitted with all ordered tests. .

Many vendors are available to assist practice transition to ICD-10. Useful training tools and resources are also made available by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid), AMA (American Medical Association) and AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) on the following websites:

<http://cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html>

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/coding-billing-insurance/hipaahealth-insurance-portability-accountability-act/transaction-code-set-standards/icd10-code-set.page>

<http://www.ahima.org/icd10/>

Please contact your Business Development Representative with any questions.

