

## Sebelius Announces ICD-10 Implementation Delay

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HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius [has announced](#) that the October 1, 2013 date for covered entities to implement the ICD-10 disease classification system will be pushed back to an unspecified date.

She was quoted in the HHS news release as saying,

ICD-10 codes are important to many positive improvements in our health care system. We have heard from many in the provider community who have concerns about the administrative burdens they face in the years ahead. We are committing to work through the rulemaking process, with the provider community, to reexamine the pace at which HHS and the nation implement these important improvements to our health care system.

ICD-10 was adopted by the World Health Organization in 1992 and is used by every industrialized nation other than the United States for morbidity reporting, limiting the ability of the US to use and contribute to global health studies and surveillance. The rule setting the October 1, 2013 implementation date was originally published in January 2009.

HHS says a new compliance date will be announced in future rules.

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