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BLBA CIRCULAR NO. 15-01

SUBJECT: Transition to the ICD-10-CM Coding System

The purpose of this Circular is to notify all Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) staff of the transition to the ICD-10-CM Coding System.

On October 1, 2015, DCMWC will transition to the new International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, and Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Coding System. The ICD-10-CM is a statistical classification and coding system used to assign appropriate codes for signs, symptoms, injuries, diseases and other medical conditions. The transition to ICD-10-CM is federally mandated for all Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) covered entities and is occurring because ICD-9-CM reports non-specific data about patients' medical conditions and hospital inpatient procedures. ICD-10-CM allows for greater specificity and accuracy when reporting diagnoses.

For services provided on or after October 1, 2015, DCMWC will require all providers to use only the ICD-10-CM code sets. For services provided prior to October 1, 2015, only ICD-9-CM codes will be accepted. There is no impact on the current procedures and associated coding schema for processing medical determination bills. The diagnosis code will continue to be V81.30 and all existing procedures remain in place.

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Distribution: All DCMWC and Contractor Personnel