

# Healthcare Organizations

## Are you Ready for the New Standards?

*Prepare Now: ICD-10, 5010 and HIPAA Compliance*



An unparalleled disruption awaits healthcare organizations that don't adequately prepare now for the addition of new ICD-10 and 5010 ANSI standards. The standards changes will significantly affect healthcare providers, insurers and third party administrators, since they will impact almost all clinical and administrative systems, require business processes adjustments and affect reimbursement and coverage. Non-compliance means you won't be able to pass the right data to internal and external systems to comply with standards, and ultimately reacting too late to address the new standards will take valuable time away from your patients and clients.

The deadlines for implementing new healthcare standards are approaching fast. The 5010 ANSI standards will go into effect by January 2012. The new ICD-10 coding standards will be mandatory by October 2013. Both dates are firm with no extensions planned. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid guidelines recommend that organizations begin their ICD-10 and 5010 assessments in 2009, or no later than 2010.

Your systems and those of your partners in the healthcare community will be affected by the ICD-10 and 5010 standards changes, including systems used at physician practices, hospitals, health plans and clearinghouses that handle clinical tasks, accounting, data warehousing and payer claims adjudication systems. Further, new HIPAA Privacy and Security regulations have been enacted that include significant penalties for patient health data security breaches. Spending time today ensuring your systems can handle all compliance, security and privacy issues helps you develop sound strategies to protect against damaging security breaches.

And because both ICD-9 and ICD-10 must be supported concurrently for a period of time, your organization can expect major business process changes and new business rules. These process changes will be needed to comply with the new HIPAA Security and Privacy regulations and ensure compliance with the new 5010 ANSI EDI transactions.

### Preparing Now

Proper integration is the cornerstone of preparing for the new standards and interoperability requirements. Progressive healthcare organizations view comprehensive integration as a strategic move necessary to be able to comply with HIPAA and other standards requirements. Integration of many disparate systems may seem overwhelming and time-consuming, but it doesn't have to be.

**BridgeGate International** offers a robust any-to-any integration solution that seamlessly connects a healthcare organization's systems, applications and technologies, and then efficiently translates data so it can be shared amongst these systems. Data that can be accessed and shared helps organizations answer the call to new healthcare standards and helps them enjoy the full benefits of the investments they've already made in technology. And, with BridgeGate's virtually codeless integration solution, busy IT employees have the time to focus on other strategic IT initiatives.

## Migrating to New Healthcare Standards -- How It Works

To prepare for changing standards you need a partner that provides you with the integration software and expertise to help you connect your systems and redesign your business processes. BridgeGate can take you through the steps necessary to feel confident you can meet all standards and requirements:

- 1. Readiness Assessment** – we will work with you to determine your level of readiness to address the new healthcare standards associated with ICD-10 coding, ANSI 5010 EDI transactions, and the new HIPAA Security and Privacy regulations. As a part of this step, we perform a gap analysis identifying what systems and applications you have in place currently versus what the new standards require, and help you outline a step-by-step readiness process for your unique situation.
- 2. Business Impact Assessment** – we'll conduct a systems and application inventory, and then a risk assessment that you can deliver to your executive team. We will detail the processes and personnel likely to be impacted by the new standards, while recommending courses of action and solution options.
- 3. Implementation** – we will work with you implement an integration solution that connects the systems required to adapt to new standards or interoperability mandates, ensuring that all incoming and outgoing communications (both internal and external) are planned for and handled properly as data is exchanged. During the implementation we'll help you re-engineer workflows and business processes, test all systems, work with you on change management initiatives and offer training and support.

A well-planned, well-managed integration and implementation process will increase the chances of a smooth, successful transition to standards compliance. Early preparation for new healthcare standards is critical to your success; and BridgeGate can help you prepare with a step-by-step approach that doesn't incur expensive systems replacement or an army of consultants. We will use a phased approach to help your healthcare organization manage the challenges inherent in making transitions of this magnitude.

Finding a total integration solution that handles complex data, works with legacy systems, scales and adapts as your organization changes and handles all compliance and interoperability requirements doesn't have to be a challenge. BridgeGate is one of the quickest-to-implement integration solutions on the market today, and one of the most cost-effective.

If you would like help assessing whether or not you are prepared for the latest healthcare standards and interoperability requirements, call us today.

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#### Healthcare Standards Definitions

**ICD-10:** International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10) is a coding of diseases and signs, symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases, as classified by the World Health Organization. The code set allows more than 155,000 different codes and permits tracking of many new diagnoses and procedures, a significant expansion on the 17,000 codes available in ICD-9.

**5010 and D.0:** The 5010 transactions and D.0 pharmacy standards address electronic claims, electronic eligibility verification, electronic claim status, electronic referral certification and authorization, electronic remittance and more. The U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has adopted ASC X12 version 5010 and NCPDP version D.0 as the next standard for HIPAA-covered transactions.