

WEDI SNIP ICD-10 CLINICAL Sub Work Group	
SWG Topic(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding and crosswalk issues and considerations from a clinical perspective
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WG/SWG Scope of Work	
What is in scope? Provide the topic and definition of the topic.	<p>The scope of the work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clinical-related issues and considerations will be grouped around three areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Code Definition Issues/Considerations; 2. Coding Guidelines Issues/Considerations; and 3. Mapping (GEMs) Issues/Considerations ■ Considerations associated with Clinical-related inconsistencies, inaccuracies and inappropriate relationships (mapping and crosswalking) between the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codesets and the ICD-9 codesets ■ Directionality of the clinical-related issues and considerations identified by the SWG, such as information is either lost or assumed ■ Downstream implications of the clinical-related issues and considerations identified by the SWG when dealing with longitudinal/retrospective/historic data ■ Recommendations on how to address the clinical-related issues and considerations identified by the SWG. ■ General education content development for providers, coders and others on the clinical-related issues identified and documented by the SWG <p><u>Supporting materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CMS published ICD-10 materials ■ Crosswalks to other coding/vocabulary standards, including SNOMED-CT and LOINC
Identify any assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Considerations and issues related to the use of crosswalks will be handled by the Crosswalks SWG ■ Considerations and issues related to the content of the ICD-10 code sets, guidelines, GEMs and crosswalks will be handled by the Clinical SWG ■ Clinical SWG will develop educational content of issues and considerations in coordination with education Workgroup.

What is out of scope?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reimbursement-related issues associated with mapping and crosswalks ■ Other crosswalk work being currently done by the ICD-10 Crosswalk SWG ■ ICD-10 issue and considerations relative to EHRs is currently addressed by the EHR SWG
WG/SWG Purpose	
What is the primary goal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Identify clinical-related issues and considerations (including code definitions, coding guidelines and GEM/crosswalks) associated with mapping and crosswalking of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS and ICD-9-CM code sets ■ Identify clinical-related issues and considerations (including code definitions, coding guidelines and GEM/crosswalks) associated with the use of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets ■ Convene groups of SMEs with clinical and coding background to develop proposed resolutions to the identified issues and considerations, in the form of coding and crosswalk actions ■ Utilize clinical SMEs to validate and confirm identified issues and considerations ■ Identify, document and share with CMS and the CMS ICD-9 Coordination and Maintenance Committee clinical-related issues and considerations associated with ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets and CMS GEMs ■ Document, disseminate and educate the industry on the identified clinical-related issues, considerations and the proposed actions developed to address the issues
What business problem will be minimized or resolved by this workgroup?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The outcomes of the SWG will help reduce the significant implications (clinical, administrative, data analysis) of differences in coding and crosswalking between ICD-9 and ICD-10 because of unknown/unidentified clinical-related coding issues.
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clinicians, Coders, providers, health plans, government programs, regulators

<p>Describe the central problem this project will attempt to resolve. What are some of the symptoms of this problem? Are there any corollary problems?</p>	<p>When moving from ICD-9 to ICD-10, the one-to-many relationship between codes create situations where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There might be definitional issues within the ICD-10 codes that need further clarification. For example, 'And' is defined in the guidelines as 'And' or 'Or'. This is very confusing since there are codes that include 'Fracture of the radius or ulna' and codes that use 'Fracture of the Radius and Ulna' as well as codes that describe 'Fractures of the Forearm' which could be 'radius and ulna' or 'radius or ulna' . Other codes describe a fracture of the radius alone and of the ulna alone. It would make more sense of 'and' to mean 'and' and 'or' to mean 'or'. There is a significant clinical difference between a fracture of the radius and the ulna as compared to a fracture of one bone or the other; ■ There may be situations where an ICD-10 code cannot be appropriately assigned; for example, there are many codes for traumatic disruptions of ligaments in parts of the upper extremities, but none for traumatic disruption of ligaments (i.e. the anterior cruciate ligament of the knee in the lower extremities); ■ There might be one code in ICD-9 that can now be described by two or more codes in ICD-10, raising the need for defining the specifics of when one code in ICD-9 will result in one code on the ICD-10 code set. ■ Corollary problems include downstream implications in the quality of data
<p>Are there other regulatory or contractual obligations that might affect how this project is implemented?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Changes to the CMS GEMs ■ Changes to ICD-10 codes and coding guidelines. ■ Adoption of standard crosswalk per Healthcare Reform (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) ■ ICD code annual update schedule and proposed code freeze
<p>Objectives / Measures of Success / Deliverables <i>(template allows for 3 projects for a specific WG/SWG)</i></p>	
<p>Project #1 Title:</p>	<p>Identify Priority Clinical Coding Areas Where Issues and Considerations with ICD-10 Exist and Develop Proposed Resolutions</p>
<p>What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clinical coding areas are identified and prioritized by volume, risk and cost ■ Issues and considerations are organized into three categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Code Definition Issues/Considerations; 2. Coding Guidelines Issues/Considerations; and 3. Mapping (GEMs) Issues/Considerations ■ Proposed resolutions to issues are developed and submitted ■ Help develop educational content which will be disseminated through the Education Workgroup

What is the ideal outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ That a comprehensive set of coding issues and considerations are identified and prioritized, and that proposed resolutions are developed and vetted, and submitted and approved
What is an acceptable outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ That the most critical issues and considerations (volume, risk, cost) are identified and prioritized, and that basic proposed resolutions are developed and vetted
How would you define success for this workgroup?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The issues and considerations identified are consistent with industry priorities ■ The resolution developed are vetted, accepted and adopted
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) is not implemented?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Inaccurate coding, inappropriate billing, inadequate representation of care provided ■ Potential for fraud and abuse ■ Risk prediction, quality assurance reporting outcome measures and other downstream uses of coded information ■ Inappropriate clinical representation
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Phase 1 – Identification of the initial set of issues (July-August, 2010) (The collection of issues and questions will be an ongoing process) ■ Phase 2 – Recruitment and engagement of SMEs with clinical and coding expertise (July-September, 2010) ■ Phase 3 – Refinement of definition and documentation of issues (September-October, 2010) ■ Phase 4 – Vetting of issues with industry (October-November, 2010) ■ Phase 5 – Development of proposed resolutions to the issues (December, 2010 – February, 2011) ■ Phase 6 – Vetting and validation of proposed resolutions (March-May, 2011) ■ Phase 7 – Dissemination, education and implementation (June, 2011 and beyond) <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ White paper on Clinical Coding Issues and Considerations ■ White paper on Proposed Resolutions ■ White paper on Testing and Implementation of Resolutions ■ Educational materials for outreach ■ Inventory of identified considerations/issues and resolution status
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	

Project #2 Title:	
What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	
What is the ideal outcome?	
What is an acceptable outcome?	
How would you define success for this workgroup?	
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) is not implemented?	
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	
Project #3 Title:	
What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	
What is the ideal outcome?	
What is an acceptable outcome?	
How would you define success for this workgroup?	
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) is not implemented?	
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	
Environmental Factors / Support Needs	
Are there other individuals/entities/work groups that need to provide input?	
What tools does the workgroup need to acquire to ensure this project is successful?	

Do you need additional administrative support?	
Do you need additional project management support?	
Do you need additional communication support?	
Additional Comments or Concerns	