The scope and effort required for the transition to ICD-10 is daunting. This is especially true for physician practices, where resources for conducting an ICD-10 needs assessment may be very limited. Therefore, these organizations are often concerned about their ability to adequately prepare for the October 1, 2014 compliance date.

Optum understands this challenge

Optum designed the ICD-10 Self-Assessment Toolkit to help small physician practices focus on the most critical ICD-10 impact areas, allowing them to easily self-assess and plan for the arrival of ICD-10. Our goal is to provide physician practices with reliable, actionable information in a cost-effective manner.

The ICD-10 Self-Assessment Toolkit was created based on our knowledge and experience working with leading health systems and physician groups as they prepare for the transition to ICD-10. Optum brings expertise in IT, coding and clinical documentation, in both inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as experience in working with all types of payer organizations. Along with the toolkit, Optum offers focused consulting support to guide organizations through the self-assessment process as they develop a plan for ICD-10. The Self-Assessment Toolkit helps to quickly evaluate ICD-10’s impact on an organization with regard to workflow, documentation, IT vendors, payers, staffing and clinician education requirements. The Self-Assessment Toolkit includes:

- Automated Assessment Guide
- Risk Level Summary
- Vendor Letter and Questions Template
- Payer Letter and Questions Template
  - UnitedHealthcare Pre-Answered Payer Survey
- FTE Count/Education Costs Matrix
- Automated/Interactive Budget Summary
- Best Practices Checklist
- Standardized Communication Plan
- Customizable Road Map/Project Plan
- Up to 8 Hours of Consulting Support and Advice
  - ICD-10 Kickoff Session
  - Tool Review and Assistance
  - Results Review
  - Strategic Guidance
- UnitedHealthcare Pre-Answered Payer Survey
- FTE Count/Education Costs Matrix
- Automated/Interactive Budget Summary
- Best Practices Checklist

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– Susan L. Turney, MD, MS, FACMPE, FACP
MGMA, President and CEO

Source: MGMA-ACMPE Press

The Toolkit Follows a Self-Guided, User-Friendly Process

Pre-Assessment
Client Data Gathering
Custom Assessment Guide Created
Post-Assessment Review

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