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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
Nurse Anesthetists Transmittal No. 9  
Physician Assistants Transmittal No. 2  
Podiatry Transmittal No. 28  
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TO: Podiatrists  
Nurse Anesthetists  
Physician Assistants

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services  
*Susan J. Tucker*

RE: Maryland Medical Assistance Program ICD-10 Implementation Policy

**NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal**

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The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) implementation is moving forward. Medicaid will begin accepting ICD-10 diagnosis and surgical procedure codes on October 1, 2015. Beginning October 1, the Department will deny claims containing codes not coded to the highest level of specificity (also known as "header codes" or "category codes").

The Department is currently in the process of updating manuals, policy guides, and regulations to include ICD-10 codes and language where appropriate. These updates will be published in advance of October 1.

If your practice currently uses **10 or FEWER** different ICD-9 diagnosis codes and need guidance on equivalent ICD-10 codes, please email [dhmh.icd10@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.icd10@maryland.gov) and include a list of those codes.

We encourage all providers to test with the Department as soon as possible. In order to test, providers must email [dhmh.icd10@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.icd10@maryland.gov).

For more information about ICD-10 implementation in Maryland, or if you would like to sign up for the list-serv to receive ICD-10 updates as they become available, please visit: [dhmh.maryland.gov/icd10info](http://dhmh.maryland.gov/icd10info).