

ICD-10 and MaineCare Prior Authorization (PA)

With the upcoming transition to ICD-10 codes on October 1, 2015, changes will be necessary in the PA process.

You can expect the following changes to the PA process due to ICD-10 implementation:

- Any PA request must contain ICD-10 codes if the initial service will be delivered on, or after, October 1, 2015.
- The PA request must contain ICD-9 codes if the initial service will be delivered on, or prior to, September 30, 2015.
- Existing PAs with open service authorizations will be accepted for services provided on, or after, October 1, 2015 as long as the initial service is delivered prior to October 1, 2015.

For example:

- A PA is requested and approved on September 1, 2015. The initial service is performed on September 21, 2015. **This scenario would require ICD-9 codes on the request.**
- A PA is requested and approved on September 16, 2015. The initial service is performed on October 5, 2015. **This scenario would require ICD-10 codes on the request.**
- A PA is requested on October 1, 2015 for twelve services. **This scenario would require ICD-10 codes as the initial service will occur on, or after, October 1, 2015.**
- A PA is requested and approved on January 12, 2015 for twelve services. On October 1, 2015, five services remain open on the PA. **You can continue to utilize the PA for services after October 1, 2015, until the services expire. Any claims for services on, or after, October 1, 2015 need to be submitted with ICD-10 codes. You do not need a new PA until all services are utilized.**

For more information about how ICD-10 will affect prior authorizations, please contact Provider Services at: 1-866-690-5585. Please send questions about ICD-10 to MaineCare's [ICD-10 email box](#).