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Dear Administrator and/or MDS Coordinator,

This letter is a reminder of the federally mandated change from ICD-9 to ICD-10 beginning on October 1, 2015. ICD-10 must be implemented by all organizations covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA). This change impacts diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for claims submission and other processes requiring ICD coding.

This change affects all residential care facilities and adult family care homes. All MDS-RCA and MDS-ALS assessments with a reference date of October 1, 2015 and later should not have any information in the ICD-9 fields in Section I2: Other Current Diagnoses of the MDS-RCA and the MDS-ALS. The diagnosis description may be written or typed into the appropriate field, but the ICD-9 fields should be left blank. The ICD-9 fields are not used to determine the reimbursement rate for these facilities.

The file submission specifications and procedure will not change.

Please contact the MDS help desk with questions at (207) 624-4019 or by email at: [MDS3.0.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:MDS3.0.DHHS@maine.gov).

Sincerely,

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