

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>4-19-12</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000402</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>4-30-12</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Heck, Singleton, Kost Cleared 5/1/12, letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Mr. Tony Keck
Director
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Dear Director Keck,

I have had a communication from someone who is involved in the health information management here in SC. They want the passage of federal regulations here in South Carolina that would take the ICD-9 to the ICD-10 level. I must say she is speaking "Greek" to me. I have never heard of this and would appreciate you giving me your perspective in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David L. Thomas



May 1, 2012

Senator David Thomas
The Senate of South Carolina
Suite 410 Gressette Building
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Dear Senator Thomas:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10). The timeline for implementation of a specific ICD version for the United States is determined by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). At this time, the transition to ICD-10 in the U.S. is planned for October 1, 2013. Additional information about the ICD system and work already underway in South Carolina is included below.

ICD-10 is a medical classification list for the coding of diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures. The ICD-10 code set allows more than 14,000 different codes and permits the tracking of many new diagnoses. On January 15, 2009, HHS published the final regulation that adopted ICD-10 to replace the current medical classification, ICD-9. All health plans, clearinghouses, and health care providers using electronic transactions must transition to the ICD-10 code sets on the compliance date of October 1, 2013.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) strategy for attaining ICD-10 compliance includes evaluating existing policies, processes and the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). SCDHHS is on schedule to implement a solution that processes ICD-10 codes on October 1, 2013.

On April 17, 2012, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a proposed rule that would delay the compliance date for ICD-10 from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. The proposed rule has been posted to the Federal Register, which marks the beginning of a 30-day comment period. All comments are due to HHS no later than May 17, 2012.

SCDHHS will continue its process of transitioning to ICD-10 by the current compliance date until a final rule comes from HHS stating otherwise. Important information related to SCDHHS ICD-10 implementation including project status, pertinent ICD-10 links, as well as other relevant information to assist with this transition can be found at:

<http://www2.scdhhs.gov/icd-10>

I hope this information is clear and helpful. If you have any further questions please contact Rhonda Morrison, Program Director, Project Management Office at (803) 898-2999.

Sincerely,

Anthony E. Keck
Director