



February 9, 2015

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Hearing entitled “Examining ICD-10 Implementation”

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 11, 2015, at 10:15 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing entitled “Examining ICD-10 Implementation.”

II. WITNESSES

- Edwin M. Burke, MD, Beyer Medical Group;
- Rich F. Averill, Director of Public Policy, 3M Health Information Systems;
- Sue Bowman, Senior Director, Coding Policy and Compliance, American Health Information Management Association;
- Kristi A. Matus, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Athena Health;
- William Jefferson Terry, MD, Member, American Urological Association, and Urology and Oncology Specialists, PC.;
- Carmella Bocchino, Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Strategic Planning, America’s Health Insurance Plans; and,
- Dr. John Hughes, Professor of Medicine, Yale University.

III. BACKGROUND

The International Statistical Institute, in 1891, began the process of creating an internationally recognized classification of diseases to help facilitate our understanding of mortality. This effort, through successful revisions to the original list, would become known as the first International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Procedure Coding System. The World Health Organization began work on the tenth edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) coding system in 1983, and it has been available for adoption by countries for over a decade.

Australia was the first country to adopt ICD-10 in 1998, and Canada quickly followed. Many European countries, as well as South Africa, Thailand, Korea, Dubai, and China have since adopted ICD-10 as their classification system of diseases. The United States is set to replace its current coding system, ICD-9, on October 1, 2015.

The purpose of the hearing will be to explore U.S. preparedness to adopt ICD-10 later this year.

IV. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Robert Horne and Josh Trent of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.