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Dear Valued Provider,

Thank you for your continued support of our services at UW Medicine Reference Laboratory Services. As you are likely aware, ICD-10 codes will be required for services provided on or after October 1, 2015 as outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

We are prepared for this federally mandated coding transition. On October 1, 2015, we will be ready to receive ICD-10-CM (diagnosis) coding information and to submit claims using the new ICD-10-CM coding.

This change means that orders for laboratory testing services provided at UW Medicine Reference Laboratory Services will need to be assigned ICD-10 diagnosis codes. We ask that you work with your office leadership team to review electronic and paper order forms in order to be compliant with the October 1st, 2015 implementation date.

If we bill third-party payers on behalf of your patient(s) for services scheduled on or after October 1st, only orders with a valid ICD-10 code will be accepted. Orders missing ICD-10 codes may cause a significant delay in patient care, and extra work for all parties due to the need to communicate with your office to obtain the proper codes.

An efficient and accurate transition is our goal as we work through this change together. Information explaining the ICD-10 transition and education tools for you and your clinic staff are available online at www.cms.gov/ICD10. For additional information regarding this change, please visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm.

Best Regards,



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