

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Physician Notes: Hold Off on End-to-End ICD-10 Testing Prep

**Plus: Recovery auditors have until June 1 to conduct automated reviews.**

If you've been waiting by the phone to find out if you've been selected to participate in ICD-10 end-to-end testing, you may want to take a break. Novitas Solutions, a Part B payer, announced recently that until CMS provides additional guidance regarding the ICD-10 delay, "Medicare will not be announcing the participants selected for the planned July 2014 end-to-end testing," Novitas says. At this point, CMS has not yet announced the new ICD-10 implementation date.

**Background:** As most readers know, CMS intended to launch an end-to-end ICD-10 testing period in July, which differs from the previous ICD-10 tests. During the more in-depth testing, providers were expected to submit ICD-10 code claims to their MACs and would receive a remittance advice and adjudication.

Applicants were expected to be notified by April 14 regarding whether they'd been selected, but at this point, it looks like that may not transpire. Keep an eye on your MAC's website to determine whether the testing will be rescheduled or not.