

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Physician Notes: ICD-10 Still on Track for October, Despite Congressional Hearing

**Plus: Differentiate preventive medicine visit from IPPE.**

If you're ready to make the ICD-10 conversion, Congress appears to have your back—at least for now.

On Feb. 11, the House Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing in which healthcare experts urged Congress to ensure that the Oct. 1 deadline stays put. Only one witness, a physician from Alabama, asked for a reprieve from the October requirement, but members of Congress did not appear to be sympathetic. Representative Kathy Castor of Florida urged the panel to stop delaying the transition to ICD-10, which was echoed by other members of Congress.

**Resource:** To view the testimony from the hearing, visit <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/examining-icd-10-implementation>.