



## Customer Support Advisory

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### New ASC 5010 and ICD-10 Standards

**You and Alteer will be ready for the new 5010 electronic transaction format and ICD-10 DX code implementations!**

This advisory pertains to all Alteer Office® versions. During the next 18-36 months, all providers will be required to conform to new requirements set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the following standards.

Standard	Implementation Deadline
ASC version 5010 format for HIPAA-compliant electronic transactions	April 1, 2010
ICD-10 diagnosis code set	October 1, 2011

Alteer and Alteer Office will be fully compliant well before the implementation deadlines. Alteer will keep you updated as the deadlines approach.

#### 5010 Electronic Transaction Format

On April 1, 2010, the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 version 4010/4010A1 for HIPAA-compliant healthcare transactions will be replaced by version 5010. The new version will promote efficiencies needed in electronic transactions—such as, structural, front matter, technical, and data content improvement. The new standard is more specific in requiring the data needed, collected, and transmitted in transactions, thereby reducing ambiguities. Also, version 5010 accommodates use of the new ICD-10 DX code set, which are not supported by version 4010.

#### ICD-10 DX Code Set

On October 1, 2011, the International Classifications of Disease, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) DX code set will replace the currently used ICD-9 code set, which is 30-years old, based on outdated technology, does not contain adequate code descriptions, and contains many categories that are full. The new ICD-10 standard represents a significant expansion of the ICD-9 set and is meant to enhance health data by accommodating a robust, modern classification system wherein major health

initiatives—including quality measurement, pay-for-performance, medical error reduction, public health reporting, bio-surveillance, actuarial premium setting, cost analysis, and service reimbursement—will significantly improve upon implementation. The ICD-10 coding system will mean accurate payment for services rendered; enhanced quality—by facilitating the evaluation of medical processes and outcomes—; abundant space for capturing new technology and devices; and capacity for alphanumeric values and more digits in codes.

To learn more about the new standards, please visit CMS's Web site:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/TransactionCodeSetsStands/02\\_TransactionsandCodeSetsRegulations.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/TransactionCodeSetsStands/02_TransactionsandCodeSetsRegulations.asp).

If you have questions, please contact Alteer Customer Support by telephone: 949.790.0400, Mon-Fri., 6:00am-5:00pm, Pacific Time, or send an e-mail to: [support@alteer.com](mailto:support@alteer.com).