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## PPR NEWS : ARE YOU TIRED OF PAPER ENCOUNTER FORMS?

**Electronic Charge Capture can avoid the hassle of scanning billing slips and the delay of waiting for the courier to bring your work to PPR. Simply point and click and PPR can be transmitting your claims daily! Also, you'll have drop-down choices for the 69,823 new code sets of ICD-10 necessary for claims payment. Call us to learn more!**

### ICD-10 NEWS : Do you need a refresher?

CMS offers an ICD-10 Clinical Concepts Series with key information about Common ICD-10 codes and corresponding ICD-9 codes, clinical documentation tips, clinical scenarios, links to interactive case studies, in-depth webinars, and other features. Click on the specialties of interest at: <https://www.cms.gov/site-search/search-results.html?q=ICD10%20CLINICAL%20CONCEPTS>

### COMPLIANCE NEWS : A successful plan can prevent a potential monetary disaster

With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, physicians who treat Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries are required to establish a compliance program. Auditing and monitoring should ideally be done by a person involved in preparing your office charge slips and a medically-trained person such as a nurse or preferably a physician. For more information on compliance programs for physicians, see the Office of the Inspector General's article in the Federal Register at: <http://oig.hhs.gov/authorities/docs/physician.pdf>

### RECORD RETENTION NEWS : State of Michigan and Federal Requirements

The 1996 HIPAA rules require a covered entity, such as a physician billing Medicare, to retain required documentation **for six years from the date of its creation or the date when it was last in effect, whichever is later.** <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1022.pdf>. However, the State of Michigan requires a longer retention period. Per Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978, a licensee shall **keep and retain each record for a minimum of 7 years from the date of service to which the record pertains.** [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(4avbdbpshz551xjiltyctzew\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-333-16213](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(4avbdbpshz551xjiltyctzew))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-333-16213) Please review the above websites for further information about destruction of records.