

WHO Adopts ICD-11:

At the annual World Health Assembly in May 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) [adopted the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems](#), 11th Revision (ICD-11) and established an effective date of January 1, 2022 -- i.e. the earliest date that WHO will be ready to accept ICD-11 coded data.

Member States set their own effective dates, to follow the date established by WHO. What does this mean for the use of ICD-11 in the U.S.?

To set expectations as to adoption within the U.S healthcare ecosystem, we can reference the historical timeline for ICD-10 for perspective:

- **May 1990** – WHO adopted ICD-10 at the World Health Assembly.
- **January 1993** – Effective Date, as established in the May 1990 World Health Assembly. This is the date WHO was ready to accept ICD-10 coded data for global health reporting.
- **1994-1997** – Evaluation of ICD-10 for U.S. purposes.
- **December 1997** – U.S. National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) publishes ICD-10-CM (Clinical Modification) for public comment.
- **1997-2003** – National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) public hearings. The NCVHS is the advisory body to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- **January 1999** – U.S. effective date to code and classify mortality data from death certificates (mortality reporting).
- **September 2003** – AHA & AHIMA publish a report on findings from the ICD-10-CM Field Testing Project.
- **October 2015** – U.S. effective date to replace ICD-9-CM with ICD-10-CM (after previous delays).

Realistically, adoption of ICD-11 in the U.S. is several years away. With that said, the NCVHS sent a [letter to the HHS secretary](#) in February of this year outlining recommendations to simplify the adoption of future versions of the International Classification of Diseases. These recommendations were also referenced in the [NCVHS March 2019 13th Report to Congress](#).

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