



City and County of San Francisco
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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

April 1, 2014

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Addendum

Congress Votes to Delay ICD-10 Implementation - President Expected to Sign Today

Yesterday, the Senate voted 64-35 to pass a HR 4302, already approved by the House, which would delay by one year the ICD-10 compliance deadline and the scheduled 24% reduction to Medicare physician reimbursement rates. The bill now goes to President Obama, who is expected to sign it before the scheduled Medicare cuts take effect today.

The ICD-10 switch is currently scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2014. This legislation would push back the ICD-10 compliance date until at least October 2015. The Medicare rate reductions, which would not have a significant impact on SFDPH, would be postponed until April 1, 2015.

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