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The steps listed on this roadmap are strongly recommended for coders preparing for ICD-10. However, some training steps may be skipped with prior experience or knowledge. For example, coders who do not wish to learn the implementation process of ICD-10 may want to skip Step 1: *ICD-10 Implementation Training*.

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Due to the clinical nature of ICD-10-CM it is recommended that those without a very strong understanding of, or experience in anatomy and/or physiology strongly consider a refresher course. AAPC's *ICD-10-CM for Coding Professionals* is a comprehensive course that covers the anatomy and physiology of the body systems and provides a solid foundation for ICD-10-CM coding.