

News & Views

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President's Message

Hello All! I am so excited to be serving as your NHIMA President this year! I am blessed and honored to represent the great HIM professionals for Nebraska.

There are so many challenges we face every day it's so hard to keep up – at work, in our industry, and don't forget our busy lives at home!

As we move forward in the trenches of healthcare change, we need to keep connected to each other – glean information, share processes, assist each other and keep on moving on! Sharing is so valuable, and it seems like I always receive more when I'm giving more. Staying connected is key!



The Board welcomes its new members as we regroup. Six of us traveled to Chicago in July to attend AHIMA's Summer Team Talks and Leadership Conference. We met with HIM professionals from all states, attended informative classes, and had great interaction with our house leadership groups and AHIMA's staff.

AHIMA has been working hard as they explore bylaw revisions and shared with us the need for changes. Please visit the AHIMA website for details or feel free to discuss with any members of the Board. We'll be focusing on this at National Convention during the House of Delegates.

The importance of government issues and Advocacy for the HIM profession was never so present as it is today. We are the voice that needs to be heard to provide comments and recommendations as congress makes these monumental decisions for the future of healthcare. I encourage you to participate with information links and surveys as they are posted and presented. We must speak up, and not wait for congress to make uninformed decisions!

As we review our strategic plan this coming month, our focus is on education. We heard you last year when you said we need more! Collaborating with SDHIMA has been such a great experience, we certainly will be entertaining new opportunities! Our Committee Chairs have been busy organizing their groups, but it's never too late!

So Join Up! Speak Up! Share Your Experiences! – You're the Expert!

Sincerely, 

Anatomy and Physiology with ICD-10 Webinar Series: Cardiology – CAD, Angina, MI and Related Procedures

September 13, 2011 – 12:00 -1:45 PM CST - SDHIMA and NHIMA have teamed up to provide our memberships with anatomy and physiology education as well as associated ICD-10 information. This webinar will discuss cardiology diagnoses and related procedures for coronary artery disease, angina, and myocardial infarctions. Associated ICD-10 diagnosis and procedural coding will also be discussed.

For more information, go to www.nhima.org.

Health Information Relief Operation

The AHIMA Foundation is initiating the Health Information Relief Operation (HIRO) Fund to assist HIM professionals whose lives and communities have been shattered by natural or man-made catastrophes in recent months.

The Foundation is currently accepting one-time donations and pledges in support of the HIRO Fund. To obtain further information regarding the fund or to make an online donation, please visit the AHIMA web site at www.ahima.org. To make your donation by mail, send a check indicating your HIRO Fund designation to: AHIMA Foundation, 25351 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1253.

ICD-10-CM/PCS Forum

Go to www.nhima.org to see the brochure for the ICD-10-CM/PCS Forum to be presented on August 30th in North Platte and August 31st in Omaha. The objective of this program is to provide an overview of the ICD-10-CM/PCS coding scheme and to understand ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation issues such as clinical documentation improvement, budgeting and technology.

CCHIIM Exam Update

In accordance with the implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS on October 1, 2013, the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) has approved the transition of the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), Certified Coding Specialist – Physician-based (CCS-P), and Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exams to ICD-10-CM. The ICD-10-CM/PCS based exams are scheduled to launch in March 2013.

Additional details are forthcoming.

~ Commission on Certification

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Dates to Remember:

August 24-26, 2011 – AHIMA's Academy for ICD10 in Sioux Falls, SD
August 30, 2011 – ICD-10-CM/PCS Forum in North Platte
August 31, 2011 – ICD-10-CM/PCS Forum in Omaha
September 13, 2011 – A&P with ICD-10 Webinar Series: Cardiology
April 18-20, 2012 – NHIMA Annual Convention

