

News & Views



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2010 NHIMA Convention

Exciting times are upon us as we look forward to the New Year and beyond! With the New Year comes an easy opportunity for you to become an active part of NHIMA!

We would like to invite you to be a part of the Planning Committee for the 1st Annual NHIMA 3 Day Convention to be held in April 2010, in Kearney, NE. We have several areas and needs for volunteers to make this a success. There are opportunities for those who have a limited amount of time and for those who may have a little extra time to give. It is such a rewarding experience and it is a great chance to network, meet new people and get more involved in NHIMA!!!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any one of us ASAP, as we will begin planning soon!

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Notice Regarding the Geographic CoPs

On January 30, 2009, the naming convention for the geographic communities changed. The term "geographic" was dropped from in front of the name of the state. So now Geographic: Nebraska will become Nebraska Community. You will be able to more easily search and find a community for a component state association in the Join/Visit Communities. If you currently belong to a geographic community, you will now find it on your Personal Page under My Communities by the state name such as N for Nebraska instead of G for Geographic: Nebraska. This will not affect the great content you receive within the community. This change is based on the recommendation of the CoP focus groups conducted in 2007, the CSA Advisory Task Force, and the CoP Advisory Task Force.

ICD-10 Final Rule is Out

After years of rumor and speculation on whether or not ICD-10 would ever be implemented, the answer is finally here. On January 15th, 2009 the Department of Health and Human Services published the final rule to adopt ICD-10 as the new national coding standard. ICD-10 will take effect on October 1, 2013. The following links are resources for more information:

- [Abbreviated ICD-10 fact sheet](#) that contains a link to the final rule
- [Final rule on ICD-10](#) (page 3 provides implementation date)
- [Press Release](#) issued by HHS
- [AHIMA ICD-10 Resources](#)

Nebraska Legislative Bills

To view hearing schedule, current bills and laws, committees, view live coverage etc. to go www.nebraskalegislature.gov

[LB301](#) is in regard to charges for medical records

[LB250](#) refers to physicians assistants ~ *Questions/Comments? Email [Monica Seeland](mailto:Monica.Seeland@nhima.org), NHIMA Advocacy Chair*

e-HIM Roundtable

The e-HIM Roundtable met January 21 and excellent progress was made for this committee. I'm happy to announce that Malinda Stanley has agreed to Co-Chair the Committee. In other news, a web page is being developed that will focus on e-HIM resources, links, and additional information for our membership. There was also a request to provide information that showcases what all is being done within the State of Nebraska regarding e-HIM. Members of the committee will be contacting healthcare professionals and report back. With 2009 already off to a great start it should prove to be an interesting year for electronic health information technology. Keep your eyes and ears open for what President Obama's stimulus package will contain, resources have already been allocated to HIT. Our next committee meeting will be February 26th at 2:00 at the Nebraska Heart Hospital in Lincoln. It is open to anyone that would like to attend and we would love to have you join us! For more information contact Renee' Rowell at renee.rowell@bellevue.edu.

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Dates to Remember:

March 10, 2009 – NHIMA Coding Roundtable – ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Webex, 11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. CST

April 30-May 1, 2009 – NHIMA Spring Conference & Annual Business Meeting in North Platte

April 21-22-23, 2010 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney