

# News & Views

February 2013

## *Race for Implementation.....*

**2013 NHIMA Annual Convention ❖ Kearney Holiday Inn ❖ April 17-19, 2013**

The “Race for Implementation of ICD-10” is alive and well! The implementation date was pushed back to October 2014, but the time is truly “racing” by. This year’s convention is packed full of tremendous speakers and a variety of hot topics. The topics include:

- ICD-10 coding sessions including an ICD-10 Track on Thursday
- Career Development in HIM
- Transcription and EHR’s
- Meaningful Use
- Health Information Exchange
- HIM and EHR Track
- MD Office Track
- Revenue Cycle for PPS/CAH
- Managing Audit/Appeal Processes
- Plus much more!

And you can earn up to 20 CEUs for the full convention!



We are also very excited to offer a Special Convention Workshop, **Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Become the Leader You Are Meant to Be**, on Friday morning that is separate from the actual Friday convention sessions. The workshop leader is Merida Johns, PhD, RHIA, who is a motivational speaker and published author. She was awarded the AHIMA Distinguished Member Award in 2012. Ms. Johns will also be speaking on HIM and EHR topics during the Convention.

So look for more information about registering for the Convention in the coming weeks....as we all race toward ICD-10 implementation!

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## *NHIMA Proposed Bylaws Revision*

The NHIMA Board will be presenting revised bylaws for approval at the annual meeting in April 2013. The revision was drafted by the NHIMA Bylaws Committee using AHIMA's CSA template and our current NHIMA bylaws. The revision is a comprehensive revision from the current bylaws. The reason for the change is to align NHIMA bylaws with AHIMA bylaws and update to current NHIMA practices.

On October 2, 2011, the AHIMA House of Delegates adopted new bylaws that strategically align with best practices and comply with corporate, federal and state law. There were some inconsistencies in the old AHIMA bylaws that needed to reflect current practice such as; fiduciary responsibility of the board members, roles and responsibilities of the House of Delegates, compliance with changes in corporate, federal and state (Illinois) laws.

The 2013 Proposed NHIMA Bylaws and the current NHIMA Bylaws are now available on the Nebraska CoP for your review. Click on Topic “NHIMA Bylaws.” These items were also distributed with the February issue of N&Vs via email to NHIMA members.

- *Connie Henderson, NHIMA Past President*

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## *AHIMA and NHIMA Welcome ACMCS Members*

AHIMA welcomes more than 500 members of the American College of Medical Coding Specialists (ACMCS), who have voted to dissolve their organization and join forces with AHIMA. Our organizations have a natural synergy as a result of mutual commitment to advocating for and advancing practices and standards within the medical coding and HIM profession. In joining AHIMA, ACMCS members will have access to a myriad of resources to help advance their careers, as well as opportunity to engage in leadership roles.

AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, said, “We are appreciative of ACMCS members’ expertise and are certain their specific skills in the physician’s office arena will complement the knowledge and abilities of our members.”

ACMCS Executive Director Brad Lund said that he is “delighted the members of ACMCS have approved the agreement with AHIMA” and expects “this will lead to stronger ties between AHIMA and the physician community.”

Nebraska members are: Jennifer Martinez, Kelly Beccard, Lori Zielinski, Jo Stessman, Karen Spiegel and Corinne Franzen.

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## ***ICD-10-CM for the Medical Office***

The NHIMA Coding Roundtable is sponsoring an ICD-10-CM workshop in North Platte on Thursday, March 14, 2013. This is a **repeat** of our successful Broken Bow workshop. This four hour workshop will provide an overview of ICD-10-CM as well as supply information about how best to prepare clinic practices for its implementation. This workshop includes documentation tips and will demonstrate how to code common clinic coding scenarios in ICD-10- CM. Providers, nurses, clinic managers, coding and billing staff won't want to miss this valuable information. Pam Koch, RHIA, CCS-P, AHIMA approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainer is the faculty. For more information or go to <http://knowledgeconnex.com/NHIMA/031413/home.html> or [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org).

**NHIMA Members** – Please help spread the word! Please feel free to print the flyer and place in your office, clinic, hospital, physician's lounge, etc.

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## ***Coding for Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs) – What do you know about HCCs?***

Medicare pays participating Medicare Advantage health plans a monthly capitation rate to provide health care services for their enrollees. The CMS Hierarchical Condition Category (CMS-HCC) model was selected by CMS for Medicare risk-adjustment to predict Medicare expenditures. Go to [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org) and click on "News" to learn more about coding for HCCs.

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## ***Free HIT Pro exams available for a limited time***

Through April 1, Health Information Technology Professional (HIT Pro) competency exams are available at no charge. Each of the six HIT Pro exams pertains to a specific HIT workforce role instrumental in the process of achieving meaningful use of electronic health record systems. The six exams are:

- [Clinician/practitioner consultant](#)
- [Implementation manager](#)
- [Implementation support specialist](#)
- [Practice workflow & information management redesign specialist](#)
- [Technical/Software support staff](#)
- [Trainer](#)

The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics & Information Management will award credentials to all individuals who pass a HIT Pro exam. Order your free HIT Pro voucher through the [AHIMA Store](#). Sign in with your AHIMA ID or create an AHIMA account to complete your order.

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### ***NHIMA Contact Information: Dates to Remember:***

### **Board Members - Committee/Task Force Chairs**

March 14, 2013 – ICD-10-CM for the Medical Office, North Platte  
April 17-19, 2013 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE  
April 16-18, 2014 – NHIMA Annual Convention – Kearney, NE

## ***Virtual Education***

### ***ICD-10 Webinar Series: ICD-10 PCS Root Operations - Part I***

(recorded live 1/2012)

This webinar will review the ICD-10 PCS root operations, their definitions and coding examples of each.

AHIMA CEU: 2.0

Cost: \$85

Register [here](#).

### ***ICD-10 Webinar Series: ICD-10 PCS Root Operations - Part II***

(recorded live 2/2012)

This webinar will review the ICD-10 PCS root operations, their definitions, and coding examples from the following root operation groups in the Medical-Surgical Section.

AHIMA CEU: 2.0

Cost: \$85

Register [here](#).

### ***Mamma Mia! ICD-10 Coding Principles***

(recorded live 7/2012)

This webinar has updated information and discusses both diagnosis and procedure coding for obstetrics.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0

Cost: \$40

Register [here](#).

### ***ICD-10-CM Introduction***

(recorded live 12/2012)

This one hour webinar introduces ICD-10-CM. The presentation will discuss differences and similarities between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM, as well as provide information on implementation.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0

Cost: \$40

Register [here](#).

Additional offerings can be found at <http://www.knowledgeconnex.com/LearningPortal/ondemandeducation.html> on the KnowledgeConnex On Demand Education web page.