

February 2015

President's Message

Hello to all my fellow NHIMA members. Well, time is flying by as we have turned the corner into February. I want you to know how hard the NHIMA board is working for you in planning and preparing for not only the NHIMA annual conference in April in Kearney but also work continues on the ICD-10 training workshops that are being planned for May, June and July. I would encourage you to attend either one or both. Both of these learning opportunities will be excellent. Oh and by the way, we will offer as a track at the conference a CCS prep course which has been requested by our membership.

I was attending a civic meeting in my local town the other day when I met a new business person that has just recently moved to town. When I introduced myself and told this person what I did, what he said to me made me feel good about myself. He said "oh, you're a professional". Yes, I am a professional, as are all NHIMA members. We need to make sure that this is how we are perceived at our job.

What does it take to get labeled "professional"? I think acting like a professional means doing whatever it takes to make others think of you as reliable, respectful and competent. If you're professional you are good at what you do, regardless what your job is. Are there some common traits of a professional? I think there are and will list a few that I think are important below.

Competence. You have the skills and knowledge that enable you to do your job well.

Reliability. People can depend on you to get the job done.

Integrity. You should be known for your consistent principles.

Respect for Others. You must treat all people like they really matter in all that you do.

Being Positive. Have an upbeat attitude as it's easier to be a problem solver and thus easier to make a difference.

So friends, exude professionalism and see the paybacks which can include feelings of increased self-worth and dignity. Toot your own horn. We have lots of knowledge to share. Keep yourself marketable and always approach tasks with a "professional" touch.

Shirley Carmichael, RHIT - NHIMA President

HIM: A World of Opportunities

NHIMA Annual Convention -

April 22-24, 2015, Holiday Inn, Kearney

"GOT CEU'S?" If not, then take a trip to Kearney Nebraska and earn 20 CEU's in 2 ½ days. You will experience networking opportunities, gain knowledge that is beneficial to your field of practice, and enjoy some really great food. Register early. We will be offering the CCS prep during the conference this year with limited registration of 25.



Full convention details and registration links will be available by the beginning of March.

US House Committee to Hold Hearing on ICD-10 Implementation

Click [here](#) to read more about hearing to be held on February 11.

CCS Prep Workshop

AHIMA states that "Coding accuracy is highly important to healthcare organizations, and has an impact on revenues and describing health outcomes. In fact, certification has become an implicit industry standard. Accordingly, the CCS credential demonstrates a practitioner's tested data quality and integrity skills, and mastery of coding proficiency. Professionals experienced in coding inpatient and outpatient records should consider obtaining this certification."

NHIMA sponsored a CCS prep course in January 2014 and has received several requests to offer the CCS prep course again. To help meet the demand for another CCS prep course, NHIMA is sponsoring a CCS prep course in conjunction with the annual state convention in Kearney on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Sally Roland, MS, RHIA, CCS, CPC, will be the instructor for the course once again. Given the time constraints, the workshop will only be a one day workshop. Because of the time limits, the course content will be condensed and group coding practice will be limited.

NHIMA Distinguished Member Award

To nominate an NHIMA member for outstanding contributions to NHIMA, click [HERE](#) to download nomination form.

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Dates to Remember:

April 22-24, 2015 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Kearney, NE

Let's try again...

ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education

Dates and locations have been set for ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education:

May 13-15, 2015 – Regional West Medical Center Education Center, Scottsbluff

June 8-10, 2015 – Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

June 24-26, 2015 – Holiday Inn Express, Norfolk

July 8-10, 2015 – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Kearney

Stay tuned for further updates from NHA and NHIMA.

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