

News & Views



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New OCR Guidance on the HIPAA Privacy Rule and the Electronic Exchange of Health Information

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has published new HIPAA Privacy Rule guidance as part of the Department's Privacy and Security Toolkit to implement *The Nationwide Privacy and Security Framework for Electronic Exchange of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy and Security Framework)*.
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/hit/>

AHDI Conference

Ranae Race, NHIMA President-Elect, was a speaker at the AHDI (Association of Healthcare Data Integrity) conference held in Omaha on 12/13/08 at Lakeside Hospital. Ranae spoke about NHIMA, AHIMA and Hot Topics in Health Information Management which included RAC (Recovery Audit Contractors), HAC (Hospital Acquired Conditions), CDIP (Clinical Documentation Integrity Programs) and gave a brief overview of the ICD10 proposed rule. Race commented, "It was a great opportunity to be able to collaborate with another organization on behalf of NHIMA as we are all working towards the common goal of 'Quality Healthcare through Quality Information'."

Useful Links

This link shows what is going on across the country in regards to HIT and legislation -
http://www.ncsl.org/print/health/forum/HIT_Enacted.pdf

What's Ahead For Nationwide Health Information Network in 2009? –
<http://www.govhealthit.com/blogs/ghitnotebook/350679-1.html>

RAC: Recovery Audit Contractor – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RAC/>

HAC: Hospital Acquired Conditions –
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HospitalAcqCond/06_Hospital-Acquired_Conditions.asp#TopOfPage

ICD10 – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD10/>



2009 NHIMA Election of Officers

If you are interested in serving on The NHIMA Board of Directors please contact Pam Sweeney, RHIA, CPHQ at sweeneyp@mail.gprmc.com. Please visit the [Geographic Nebraska CoP Community Resources](#) and click on "see all resources" to access descriptions of the offices and duties within the NHIMA Policies. Please consider volunteering.
~Ranae Race, President-Elect

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Dates to Remember:

February 6, 2009 – NHIMA Board Meeting in Omaha

**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