

News & Views



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Highlights from 12/4/09 NHIMA Board of Directors Meeting

Click the News button at www.nhima.org for highlights. Topics covered include Privacy Guide, AHIMA ROI Project, Board Breakfast at Annual Convention, Coding Roundtable, Hill Day and Winter Team Talks, and AHIMA Privacy Statement.

NHIMA Election

If you are interested in running for a position on the NHIMA Board of Directors or serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Sue Hamilton, Nominating Committee chair, at 308-696-7570 or hamiltons@mail.gprmc.com.

Member News

Michelle Shimmel, RHIT, is the Data Analyst for Clinical Quality Support Services at The Nebraska Medical Center and she has been chosen to serve on the AHIMA 2010 Practice Council: Quality Initiatives and Secondary Data. Members of the this council will advise AHIMA of the issues and HIM best practices and functions in relation to data quality and integrity, data stewardship, performance measurement and reporting and quality management and improvement techniques.

Kimbra Johnson, MS, RHIA, CHDA is co-owner of HealthInfo Innovations and has been chosen to serve on the 2010 Virtual Lab Strategic Advisory Committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing the development and ongoing maintenance of the AHIMA Virtual Lab as a strategic resource for HIM education and a valuable capital asset of the AHIMA.

House of Delegates

House of Delegates Team Workgroup Updates can be found in the Resources Section of the [Nebraska CoP](#). Learn more about what is going on with the CSA Apportionment proposal.

Advocacy Update

Click the "News" button at www.nhima.org to read a summary of the Health Care Reform Bill and visit the Nebraska CoP for a PowerPoint presentation created by the NHA on the bill.

"Early Testing" Option on Certification Exams *by Carla Dirkschneider, MS, RHIA*

Click the "News" button at www.nhima.org to learn more about how Clarkson College is getting students to register and take their certification exams.

Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity

A strategy of both AHIMA and NHIMA is to network with and enhance communication between professional healthcare affiliated associations. NHIMA was asked to speak at the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) November, 2009 conference in Lincoln. Mary Meysenburg, RHIA, CCS, a member of the NHIMA Board, provided the association with an update of issues that are currently affecting not only AHIMA and NHIMA, but the health care environment as well. Issues such as RACs, HIPAA, Present on Admission, the HITECH Act, EHR policies, ICD-10, NeHII, Red Flag Rules and work force development were presented and discussion. This is the second year NHIMA has been invited to speak at the AHDI conference.

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Dates to Remember:

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