News & Views

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NHIMA Election

The NHIMA 2009 election runs from March 1 through March 21. To vote, log on to the Communities of Practice and locate the link entitled "Nebraska State Election" located in the top upper left hand corner of your personal page. Eligible voters (Active, Senior and Honorary AHIMA members as of 2/27/09) can vote online.

Exercise your membership privileges – Cast your vote today!

NHIMA Coding Roundtable – ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Webex

This presentation is intended to support the educational journey of coding/HIM professionals with respect to the change to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS that will sweep the nation – compliance date is now set for October 1, 2013.

Flyer and registration form are available at www.nhima.org/i10web.pdf.

NHIMA Annual Meeting and Spring Conference -
"All Aboard the HIM Express" April 30 & May 1, 2009

This conference will be held in North Platte at the Quality Inn & Suites. To access the full brochure and registration form, go to www.nhima.org. Rooms must be reserved by 3/16/09 for the discounted rate.

The annual report will be available on the Nebraska CoP on 3/31/09. Please review and print your copy prior to the Annual Business meeting on 4/30/09. Copies will not be distributed.

NHIMA Distinguished Member

It is time to nominate an NHIMA member for outstanding contributions to NHIMA. Simply complete the nomination form and email or fax to Kim Hazelton. The 2009 NHIMA Distinguished Member will be announced at the Annual Meeting on 4/30/09 in North Platte.

Health Information Technology Extension Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that President Barack Obama signed this month includes the Health Information Technology (HIT) Extension Program and there may be grants and loans available for health IT adoption.

Title XIII of the Act focuses on HIT and quality, and $19 billion in grants and loans has been set aside for infrastructure and incentive payments under Medicare and Medicaid for providers who adopt certified EHR technology. The grants and loans include $17 billion slated for incentives, with $2 billion allotted to jump-start health IT adoption.

To read the stimulus bill go to: http://www.thomas.gov/home/approp/app09.html#h1

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Dates to Remember:

March 10, 2009 – NHIMA Coding Roundtable – ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Webex, 11:30 a.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