

October 2016

President's Message

I have some very important information to share with you this month. The CEE committee of AHIMA has published a white paper entitled "HIM Reimagined". Please read over this paper and submit your comments about the proposed changes (see overview below). We need your comments by October 12th. We will be taking these comments to the House of Delegate meeting on October 16th. The HIM Reimagined White Paper affects everyone in our profession that holds credentials in HIM.

Yours truly,

Dawn Goodsell, RHIA

President NHIMA 2016-2017

HIM Reimagined (HIMR) White Paper Overview

(click [here](#) to read whitepaper)

First of all, this white paper is 45 pages long. We, as a board, thought that we should highlight important factors to look at in this white paper in order to help comment on the issues involved.

Here are some of the factors that are covered:

1. HIMR is national initiatives and does not make recommendations outside of the U.S.
2. This white paper is recommendations for consideration
 - a. It is not automatically implemented
3. The recommendations are created based on speculation of workforce needs but do not currently hold true for workforce at this time
4. They are proposing a 10-year implementation phase for roll out
5. The technical HIM professional level (associate degree) will be more focused, or specialized, bringing awareness to the employer community that associate degree-educated HIM professionals have a deep knowledge in a specific area of HIM practice (for example, privacy, auditing, coding, data analysis, etc.).
6. At bachelor level, student will get a broader education on leading, assimilating data
 - a. RHIA credential recognized as the generalized practice

HIMR Recommendations:

1. **Education: Advanced Degrees** - Increase Master level to 20% of membership in next 10 years
 - a. Implement graduate informatics by 2017
 - b. Increase scholarships since Graduate programs are more expensive
2. **Research:** Ensure availability of research that support health informatics and information management
3. **HIM Specialization:** Increase specialization across all levels of academic spectrums of HIM
 - a. By 2019 start the specialization in the associate level or earlier
 - b. Condensed HIM core at the associate level with extensive specialization opportunities
 - c. Associate Degree Track Specialties
 1. Certified Health Data Analyst
 2. Certified Healthcare Privacy and Security
 3. Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner
 4. Auditing, Outpatient, and Non-acute care and health care settings
 5. Consumer engagement and advocacy
4. **RHIA & RHIT Credentials:** RHIT specialty credential recognized as the technical level of practice
 - a. There is a transitioning period but eventually by 2027 the RHIT will be phased out to be a specialty credential.

Again, please voice any comments that you have on the NHIMA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1674490272838783/> or through email at nhimappc@gmail.com.

Coding Roundtable Update

The Clinical Coding Roundtable is finalizing webinars that will focus on various coding topics. The September, 2016 Journal of AHIMA has two great articles – Injection/Infusion Coding in the ED and “Do You Want Fries with That?” – Decoding all the “Extras” in the Physician Visit. Take a few minutes to review this information. An article entitled “Don’t Leave Money on the Table” discusses the role of clinical documentation specialists in ensuring compliance with value-based and quality initiatives. Lastly, AHIMA’s Code Cracker blog takes a look at challenging areas and documentation opportunities for coding and reimbursement. The blog is found at <http://journal.ahima.org/category/blogs/code-cracker> or the homepage at <http://journal.ahima.org>.

~ Mary Meysenburg, MPA, RHIA, CCS – Chairman, NHIMA Coding Roundtable

Welcome and Congratulations!

New Members in September 2016:

- James Aguto
- Kimberly Blum
- Krista Bridges, RRT
- Liz Foster
- Beverly Harris
- Jordan Ickler
- Kristie Kounnavong
- Sara Lane, BS
- Connie Lovell
- Janis Opperman, MBA, BSN, RN-BC
- Suzanne Perry
- Emily Porta
- Richard Rolf
- Nancy Ryks
- Ashley Smith
- Jenny Stager
- Samantha Zirinig

New RHITs since 4/2016:

- Alicia Cooper
- Jennifer Cupak
- Jessica Fiorelli
- Julie Hart
- Steven Murphy
- Lisa Nelson
- Tessa Pieper
- Anne Simpson
- Alicia Tallon

NHIMA Contact Information:

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Dates to Remember: April 5-7, 2017 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
October 8, 2016 – OHIMA Fall Workshop - [brochure](#)

