

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## July, 2019



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NHIMA Board:	Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS, President; Jennifer Hoffman, RHIA, President Elect; Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS, Past President; Gretchen Jopp, RHIA, CCS, CPC, Secretary; Cindy Sestak, FACHE, MAM, RHIA, Treasurer; Liz Bechtle, RHIA, CPHIMS, 2nd Year Director; Lori Richter, RHIA, CPHIT, CPEHR, CHPS, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Director
Dates to Remember:	April 29-May 1, 2020 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
NHIMA website:	<a href="https://www.nhima.org/">https://www.nhima.org/</a>
Call to Volunteer:	<a href="https://www.nhima.org/members/volunteer/">https://www.nhima.org/members/volunteer/</a>

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**Welcome 2019-2020 NHIMA Board!**



Pictured from left to right – Gretchen Jopp, RHIA, CCS, CPC, Secretary; Jennifer Hoffman, RHIA, President-Elect; Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS, Past President; Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS, President; Lori Richter, RHIA, CPHIT, CPEHR, CHPS, 1<sup>st</sup> year Director and Cindy Sestak, FACHE, MAM, RHIA, Treasurer. Not pictured is Liz Bechtle, RHIA, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has the 2019 year gone?! I for one am in disbelief that we are half-way through the year already even with all the events Nebraska as a state has endured over these few months. Winter was brutal and seemed to never end, historical flooding, and now we're into the severe thunderstorm season. Through all of that we have proven to be Nebraska Strong! For NHIMA, we're at the start of a new year; I am very excited to begin my year as your NHIMA President. The board met in June for the transitional meeting and we will continue to meet once a month and onsite once per quarter. We are very grateful to the Saunders County Medical Center to host our onsite meetings as their room availability allows.

The 2019-2020 year will continue to see some expansive changes as AHIMA continues their transformation. One of the bigger items we'll be working on this year is to review and update our Strategic Plan accordingly based on the changes AHIMA is making as well as what makes sense for us as a state organization. We hope to have an update for you in the upcoming months. Members of the board will also attend the annual CSA Leadership Symposium held in Chicago this month; what we learn there will be key for us as we work on our Strategic Plan. The past of couple years we have been working to provide more educational offerings to our membership, and we'll continue that effort! With the help of our Advocacy leaders, we'll also work towards a State Hill Day or look at partnering with some other associations that hold similar events. We are also adjusting our dates for our 2020 and 2021 conferences as Mother Nature seems to be a little brutal to us still in the early days in April. The new days for 2020 will be Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, so mark your calendars!

We can't do any of this without volunteers either; we're all vital elements for the success of our association. If you have any interest please sign up, we have spots open on various committees that we need your assistance on!

Looking forward to another exciting year! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as board president.

*Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS*

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## OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS SPRING CYBERSECURITY NEWSLETTER

[www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/guidance/cybersecuritynewsletter-spring-2019/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/guidance/cybersecuritynewsletter-spring-2019/index.html) The Office for Civil Rights alerts the healthcare sector to advanced persistent threats (APTs) and zero-day exploits that pose an increasing cybersecurity risk to providers' networks and health information. The dangers of APTs lie in their persistence as they seek out vulnerabilities to exploit, and post a risk to healthcare on several fronts, from medical research data to genetic data and beyond.

## AHIMA ELECTION – GUIDANCE FOR NHIMA MEMBERS

As you may have seen on June 21<sup>st</sup>, AHIMA sent a Special E-Alert email discussing the concerns that have been revealed regarding the AHIMA Ballot for 2019. The NHIMA Board, as always, would like to encourage all NHIMA members to actively participate in the AHIMA national election, which will be taking place in the next several weeks.

We want to hear from you! What questions and concerns do you have about the AHIMA election? We have created a discussion post on our Nebraska Engage page that will reference information provided from AHIMA. This information will hopefully answer questions that have not been addressed.

Lastly, we want to briefly explain the process of how voting works, and the importance of each member's role in the process. AHIMA's primary goal is to provide the knowledge, resources and tools to advance health information professional practice and standards. Voting, or choosing not to vote, is an opportunity for NHIMA members to influence which HIM leaders will represent their interests on our national board.

### Ballot Positions

- AHIMA Board President/Chair-elect (1 position – only one candidate on the ballot for this position)
- AHIMA Board Directors (3 positions)
- CCHIIM Commissioner (1 position; members with an RHIT or RHIA and a CCA, CCS-P, CHDA or CPHI credential)
- Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates (1 position – only one candidate on the ballot for this position)
- Council for Excellence in Education Member (3 positions)
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AHIMA bylaws require a 3% voter response from members for a valid election. There are three ways a member can respond:

1. **Voting:** Voting for one or more positions **counts** toward the 3% requirement.
2. **Partial Vote / Abstain:** You can vote for some candidates, but not all candidates, which is considered a partial vote or abstaining. A partial or abstaining vote **counts** towards the 3% requirement.
3. **No Vote:** A no vote means you do **not** complete **any** part of the AHIMA ballot. This is the only option that removes you from the percentage of members placing a vote and **does not count** towards the 3% requirement.

### Election Timeline

- Mid-June – The 2019 Ballot Candidate bios and photos are posted on the AHIMA website and in the AHIMA Membership and State Leaders and House of Delegates Engage Communities. CSA Leaders will also feature candidates on their websites.
- June 24, 2019 – July 5, 2019 – AHIMA National Candidate Discussions in Engage.
- July 1 – AHIMA ballot candidates are featured in the July/August *Journal of AHIMA*
- July 8, 2019 8:00 am CDT through July 22, 2019 5:00 pm CDT – AHIMA Polls open
- Late July – Announcement of the 2019 AHIMA Election Results

In closing, the NHIMA Board of Directors, ask that you consider all of the information, options, and impact of those options and make an informed choice when deciding on the action you will take.

As always, please do reach out to your Board members and delegates with questions and concerns at [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

The NHIMA Board of Directors

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Take the time to volunteer! The NHIMA is looking for volunteers on all committees and is looking for a Chairman for the 2020 Conference Planning Committee. As Chairman, your conference registration fee is waived. Grow both personally and professionally with the NHIMA!

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## 2020 NHIMA CONFERENCE

The 2020 NHIMA Conference dates have been changed based on feedback from the attendees at the 2019 Conference. Plan on attending the 2020 NHIMA Conference on April 29 through May 1, 2020. By moving the dates we hope to avoid the blizzard-like conditions we have experienced the past two years!

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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Medicare Learning Network is the place for official CMS Medicare fee-for-service provider educational information. CMS is offering the following educational opportunities.

[On-Demand: National Correct Coding Initiative \(NCCI\) - What is It and How Do I Use It?](#)

During this [presentation](#) you will learn about NCCI edits, including procedure to procedure edits, medically unlikely edits, add-on codes, modifiers that apply and when to use them.

The on-demand webinars are free and facilitate self-paced training.

## Coming Soon - Surgery Webinar Series

### Surgery

Registration will open soon for their upcoming surgery webinar series. CMS will announce through eNews when registration is available. All sessions will occur from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT

(12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET). Mark your calendars to save the date(s).

08/27/2019 - Overview of Global Surgery  
09/03/2019 - Pricing  
09/10/2019 - Modifiers (Session I)  
09/17/2019 - Modifiers (Session II)  
09/24/2019 - Modifiers (Session III)  
10/01/2019 - Assistant Survey and Teaching Physicians  
10/08/2019 - Policy and Common Rejections and Denials

## On-Demand: Evaluation and Management (E/M) Medical Decision-Making (MDM) Component

During this [presentation](#), review the separate components of medical decision-making (MDM):  
Diagnosis and/or management options  
Risk for the patient  
Documentation is necessary in the medical record to show the medical necessity of the service.

## Skilled Nursing Facility

We provide a monthly webinar series focused on SNF education. We hold these webinars on the second Thursday of the month from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CT (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET). Below is the schedule of events. To see more about what we will cover each month and to register, please visit the [Learning Center](#).

08/08/2019 - Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) and Assessments  
09/12/2019 - SNF Part B Billing  
10/10/2019 - SNF Consolidated Billing (Part 1)  
11/14/2019 - SNF Consolidated Billing (Part 2)

## Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP)

### **Understanding the Basics of Medicare Secondary Payer (A/B), A Collaborative Event**

07/25/2019 - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CT (2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET)

Join us as we discuss Medicare as a secondary payer (MSP) and the fundamentals of this cost-saving program. We will provide an overview of the MSP program as well as identify MSP situations and the contractors responsible for MSP. This is a national A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) collaborative event.

Go to <http://wpsghlearningcenter.com/store-catalog> to locate their many educational offerings. Most offerings are no cost to the participant.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Is your contact information up to date? NHIMA uses the AHIMA data base as the source for your contact information. In order for NHIMA to communicate with our membership, it is important for you to update your email address. All information can be updated in the Profile section of MyAHIMA on the AHIMA website.

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## 2020 ICD-10 CM UPDATES

CMS has posted the 2020 ICD-10-CM code changes. The new codes in 2020 can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2020-ICD-10-CM.html>

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Newly Credentialed NHIMA Members include:

Katie Broyles, RHIT

Mindi Everest, RHIT, CCS, CPC

Peggy Funk, CCA

Ashlyn Kula, RHIT

Connie Majer, RHIT

Tessa Moser, CCS

Karen Romero, CCA

Anna Smyth, CCS

Michelle Williams, RHIT

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## VENDOR RECOGNITION

Many thanks to the vendors that supported our annual conference in April! Your support contributed to our overall success! Information on each of the vendors can be found below

AvecHealth enables healthcare partners to thrive and grow by delivering large system revenue management solutions at industry beating rates. We empower our customers to prosper by maximizing their revenue opportunities and facilitating focus. Contact Kathy Harner at [Kathy.harner@avechealth.com](mailto:Kathy.harner@avechealth.com)

Clarkson College is a private college located in Omaha NE. Over the last 130 years, we've established a new campus, expanded our program offerings, adopted a new name, and maintained a commitment to preparing our students to be the best in health care. Contact Ken Zieger at [zeigerken@clarksoncollege.edu](mailto:zeigerken@clarksoncollege.edu)

Haugen Consulting Group (HCG), based in Denver, Colorado offers healthcare consulting, education and auditing services utilizing a team of industry experts. HCG is passionate about our client relationships with a belief that fun is non-negotiable. Contact Kate Kluglein at [kkluglein@thehaugengroup.com](mailto:kkluglein@thehaugengroup.com) for more information.

HRG's expertly crated revenue cycle management services provide customized solutions for your healthcare facility's unique needs. Our client-centric suite provides the tools need to optimize any part of your Patient Financial Services. Contact Rik Lewis at [rlewis@hrgps.com](mailto:rlewis@hrgps.com) for additional information.

KIWI-TEK provides partnership coding solutions for hospitals, health systems and physician practices. KIWI-TEK is on one of the nation's largest coding companies with proven HIM experience to manage denials, ensure DRG accuracy and meet DNFB goals. Contact Jack Diamond at [jdiamond@kiwi-tek.com](mailto:jdiamond@kiwi-tek.com)

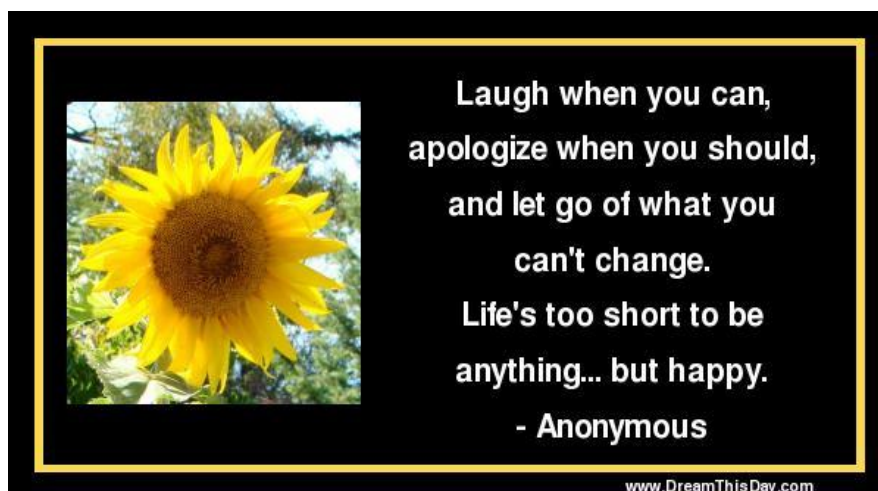
Metropolitan Community College is a public college on multiple campuses throughout the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area that offers a CAHIIM accredited RHIT program. It combines online instruction, online simulation activities and an in-person practicum experience to prepare students for entry-level employment in the health information management field. Contact Kelly Hajek, RHIA, Program Director, at 531-MCC-2673 for additional information.

MRO, the KLASS-rated #1 provider of release of information (ROI) solutions since 2013, empowers healthcare organization with proven, enterprise-wide solutions for secure, compliant and efficient exchange of protected health information. Contact Jim Faber at [jfaber@mrocorp.com](mailto:jfaber@mrocorp.com) for your ROI needs.

TrustHCS partners with healthcare organization to provide staffing and advisory services that improve financial strength. Our middle-revenue cycle management solution advances the reliability, integrity, and performance of our clients' financial health. Contact [info@TrustHCS.com](mailto:info@TrustHCS.com)

Voice Products, Inc sells the Best in KLAS speech recognition and coding solution software since 1990. Over 50 employees with local sales and service throughout the United States. Contact Tom Peek at [sales@voiceproducts.com](mailto:sales@voiceproducts.com) for more information.

Wahltek is the premier provider of innovative solutions to businesses and organizations who demand the latest in voice processing, document creation software, management services all backed by a professional full service and support organization. Contact Brent Spurgin at [bspurgin@wahltek.com](mailto:bspurgin@wahltek.com) for your voice processing needs.



## WELCOME TO NHIMA!

January, 2019

Lori Gjerde, CCS-P  
Autumn Lake  
Jeanie Lambert  
Lisa Peterson  
Cassidy Wormstadt

February, 2019

Rachel Brunswick  
Sarah Harms  
Mary L. Nielsen

March, 2019

Daisy Carbajal  
David Devries  
Peggy Funk  
Mary Gubbels  
Nikki Hansen  
Ashlyn Kula  
Cynthia Miller  
Tabitha Sibert  
Candace Williams

April, 2019

Dana Allen  
Tonya Cadwell  
Kristen Carlson, CCA  
Jessica Einspahr  
Laura Kenny  
Samantha Luebbert  
Casey Magary  
Nicole Tebbit

May, 2019

Anita Lapointe  
Madison Mach  
Shakiru Oludipe  
Sasha Otto

June, 2019

Angie Gill  
Elizabeth Winborn, CHDS-R, CPC, COC, CEMC

