

News and Views

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NHIMA Board: Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS, President; President Elect, Jennifer Hoffman, RHIA; 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, 1st Year Director

Dates to Remember: State Hill Day, March 10, 2020, Lincoln, NE

April 29 & 30 and May 1, 2020 – NHIMA Annual Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

President's Message

Well 2019 was a blur...

The board finished out the year with refining our association's Strategic Plan for not just this year but incorporating a 5-year plan to it as well. In the upcoming months we will be very excited to share that with you and will touch on it during our Annual Business Meeting during conference this year.

Our committees have also been very busy over the past few months. The Coding Roundtable has successfully coordinated regular webinars that are available only to the NHIMA membership. To date we have code updates for ICD-10 and CPT, Unraveling the Mystery of NCCI Edits, Fracture ICD-10 and CPT coding. The Nominating Committee has reached out to the membership for potential ballot entries; if you are interested in being on the ballot for one of our open positions, please reach out to us on the contact page of our website and we'll get you in touch with the committee representatives! In October, Professional Promotions attended the UNK Career Fair day to represent NHIMA. This committee has been busy brainstorming ideas on how to continue the promotion of our industry and career opportunities too.

The Conference Committee has also been busy with finalizing speakers and the agenda for our Annual Conference, April 29-May 1st. You will hear presentations from Theresa Eichelmann, MBA, RHIA Nebraska AHIMA Board liaison, and a Director on the AHIMA Board of Directors, Richelle Marting, JD,

and Aaron Davis, a professional speaker, coach, trainer, and attitude expert. Lastly, keep an eye out for upcoming information about our very first State Hill Day! We have been collaborating with the Nebraska Hospital Association to bring both our associations together for a day filled with healthcare related advocacy topics and networking. This will be a great opportunity for CEUs, so mark your calendars now for March 10th, in Lincoln. More information to come!

Cheers to the New Year!

Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS

NHIMA 2020 Annual Conference

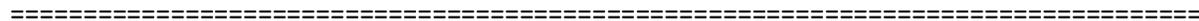
Mark your calendars for the NHIMA Annual Conference! Join us in Kearney at the Younes Conference Center on April 29 & 30, and May 1 for three days of education, information and ideas. The conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 and we will hold an evening banquet for attendees as an opportunity to network with your colleagues and listen to Aaron Davis present on "The Attitude of a Champion." Get the latest from AHIMA as Theresa Eichelmann, Nebraska AHIMA Board Liaison and a Director on the AHIMA Board of Directors provides us with an update from the AHIMA leadership. Richelle Marting, JD will join us and provide updates on legal topics that impact HIM. The Friday agenda has been expanded to provide you with more coder education. Lots of information and opportunity for you to grow professionally! Registration will open in February. Watch for an email with the agenda and registration information.

In conjunction with the annual conference, we will hold our annual business meeting on Thursday, April 30. This is also the time we recognize one of our own – the Distinguished Member Award! Nominations for this award can be submitted by an active member of NHIMA for consideration. You will find the form to nominate an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the NHIMA on the last page of this newsletter. All nominations can be emailed to nhima_coordinator@outlook.com

The Planning Committee is also extending an invitation to any member or organization that would like to contribute to the success of this conference by donating an item to our raffle. We will recognize those individuals and/or organizations donating an item at the conference. Please contact Vicki Mestl at vickim@stewireless.com with information on your donation! Thank you!

State Hill Day

Mark your calendars for State Hill Day on March 10, 2020. Held in conjunction with the Nebraska Hospital Association's State Advocacy Day, NHIMA members will have the opportunity to listen to updates on the important initiatives in the State of Nebraska. Watch for an email from NHIMA with addition information and a link for registration in February.



New Members

Welcome to the following new NHIMA members!

David Badura
Katie Bower
Tommi Kaumans
Sara Scheef
Jodi Strong
Jordan Wagner

Hope Barricklow
Elizabeth Jacobo
Brenda Lee
Zach Simms
Glen Thummel



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who have earned new credentials!



Nicole Hartzler, RHIT
Amanda Norquest, RHIA, CCS
Marilyn Scott, CCA

Heather Hodge, RHIA
Amy Osterholt, CCA
Michael White, RHIA

Updates on

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) announced](#) that there is a new ICD-10-CM code-- **U07.0, Vaping-related disorder**—established by the World Health Organizations (WHO), effective April 1, 2020. Find full addenda information for the new code [here](#) and [here](#).

The CDC noted that as part of their outreach and education efforts, they will continue to work closely with the industry stakeholders on the implementation of this new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a **Targeted Probe and Educate (TPE)** program designed to help providers and suppliers reduce claim denials and appeals through one-on-one help. TPE is intended to increase accuracy in very specific areas via the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). MACs use data analysis to identify:

- Providers and suppliers who have high claim error rates or unusual billing practices; and
- Items and services that have high national error rates and are a financial risk to Medicare.

Providers whose claims are compliant with Medicare policy won't be chosen for TPE.

Not sure if this applies to your organization? [Click Here](#) to view the TPE short 5:13 minute video regarding claim errors/mistakes and problems with documentation which may apply to you.

E/M office visit revisions

On Nov. 1, 2019 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a historic provision in the 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule. This provision includes revisions to the Evaluation and Management (E/M) office visit CPT® codes (99201-99215) code descriptors and documentation standards that directly address the continuing problem of administrative burden for physicians in nearly every specialty, from across the country. With these landmark changes, as approved by the CPT Editorial Panel, documentation for E/M office visits will now be centered around how physicians think and take care of patients and not on mandatory standards that encouraged copy/paste and checking boxes.

For information on these changes which are effective January 1, 2021, go to

<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-evaluation-and-management>

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) website now offers public use of the new National Center for Health Statistics [ICD-10-CM Browser Tool](#) to:

- Search for ICD-10-CM codes
- Understand how to use the codes
- Access multiple fiscal year version sets with comprehensive results

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2000-2023 AHIMA Strategic Plan

As AHIMA executes their strategy for transformation, they are building on an incredible history of excellence and expertise to advance the value of the profession and empower AHIMA members as a movement of everyday leaders and change-makers. Take a few minutes to review AHIMA's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan at <https://library.ahima.org/doc?oid=302888>

Update from Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

On Saturday, January 4, 2020 Chad Wolf, acting Secretary of Homeland Security, reissued the NTAS bulletin pertaining to the terror threat to the U.S. Homeland. If you See Something, Say Something! And CISA warns to be prepared for cyber disruptions, suspicious emails, and network delays. Recommendations include:

- Implement basic cyber hygiene practices such as effecting data backups and employing multifactor authentication.
- Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement who are best to offer specific details on terroristic indicators.
- Report suspicious activity or information about a threat, including online activity, to fusion centers and the FBI's Field Offices – part of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative.
- Learn how to recognize signs of pre-operational planning associated with terrorism or other criminal activity.

Important References & Resources:

- [**Click Here**](#) for the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative - This is a collaborative effort by Homeland Security, FBI and State, Local, Tribal and Territorial law enforcement partners.
- [**Click Here**](#) for the CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) website, blog and newsroom
- [**Connect, Plan, Train, and Report**](#) to prepare businesses & employees.
- Security tools/resources can be accessed through the DHS's Hometown Security Campaign – [**Click Here**](#)
- [**Click Here**](#) to download and read the entire January 4, 2020 bulletin

Contact Information

Update your name, address, email address, job title, work site and phone numbers on MyAhima. Your personal and professional information can be updated at

<https://my.ahima.org/account>

Thank you!!!!!!

Many thanks to the vendors that supported our annual conference in April, 2019! Your support contributed to our overall success! Information about each of the vendors and their contact information 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

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

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 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@hrgpros.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

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 KLAS-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 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

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 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 for your voice processing needs.

Thank you for your support!!!

The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job.....Zig Ziglar

NOMINATION FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

The nomination of this NHIMA member is someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Nebraska HIM Association!

Nomination submitted by:

Address:

Phone:

**E-mail: (home)
(work)**

Nominee Name:

Address: (Home/Work)

Phone:

**E-mail: (home)
(work)**

Individual notified of nomination: Yes/No

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Attach supporting information such as current resume, biographical data sheet which includes present employment status, previous position, education, association activities, publications, leadership in education, etc.

Email nominations to NHIMA central office coordinator at

nhima_coordinator@outlook.com