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FROM THE PRESIDENT



"The best changes often start as single, simple thoughts. Think Big, and discover how to make your dreams real."

The NYHIMA Board of Directors has been dreaming big to envision the future of HIM professionals and its members. Join us in believing in our ability to implement change to value our professions and accomplish our strategic goals through learning new skills, mentoring, and teaching others the standards and principles that are needed for effective governance!

With the postponement of ICD-10 implementation, most of the members and leaders that I have spoken with have said that they are moving ahead with their current plan. The delay in implementation will give them an opportunity to come better prepared for the transition, as well as to prioritize the most critical areas of focus. I understand that students in many HIM educational programs were taught ICD-10-CM/PCS; however, AHIMA is developing resources to assist both the educational programs and certification exam candidates. Like you, I am also disappointed but let the music from Disney movie "Frozen" inspire and remind us to **"Let it go, let it go. Can't hold you back anymore."**

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Submitted by: Renato L. Estrella, MSHA, RHIA, FAHIMA

2015 ICD-10 PCS AND GEMS UPDATES

While there were no actual ICD-10-CM changes for 2015, they did re-date all the files with 2015. For ICD-10-PCS there were no code changes, however, there are addenda to the index, definitions, new substance key entries, and changes to the reference manual. The 2015 addendum states:

- No new codes were added or deleted for FY2015
- No codes were deleted for FY2015
- No code titles were revised for FY2015

Addenda

- Index addenda PDF shows new, revised and deleted index entries in response to public comment

- Definitions addenda PDF shows new, revised and deleted PCS definitions entries (e.g. Body ParKey) in response to public comment, including new Substance Key entries
- Reference Manual addenda PDF shows changes to the ICD-10-PCS Reference Manual in response to public comment
- For the details go to: www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2015-ICD-10-PCS-and-GEMs.html

Submitted by Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, President

CAHIIM PROGRAMS NEWS♦NOTES

Onondaga Community College

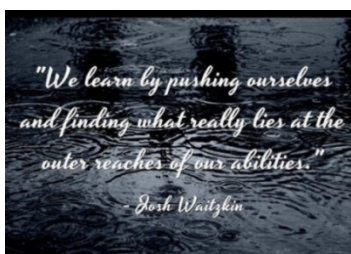
Students from Onondaga Community College's HIT Club spent an afternoon at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY, assisting the Health Information Management department spread awareness of Crouse's new patient portal called "MyCrouseChart".

This outreach was intended for employees, patients and community members to learn about the new online access to view, print, or transmit portions of the medical record. "MyCrouseChart" is now available to patients treated in the hospital on or after March 1, 2014. The presentation was well received by everyone, and the timing of this initiative could not have been better as it was Health Information Professionals Week.

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest of this article.

Submitted by: Jeffery Youngs, RHIT

A Note to Our Recent Graduates



For all our recent graduates, whether it is an Associates, Baccalaureate, Masters, or PhD. degree, first and foremost, take a bow; you have earned it! Your graduation is a very special moment in time where you can look back to all that you have learned and envision the future ahead of you.

Never stop learning and celebrate each and every achievement; this is just the beginning to what you will accomplish. For those of you starting out with your Associates degree in Health Information Technology, consider your AHIMA certification exam RHIT and aim for the RHIA and beyond. It represents the specialized learning of your profession. **CONGRATULATIONS to all graduates!**

Submitted by: Brenda L. Jenkins, RHIT



NYHIMA NEWS♦NOTES

NYHIMA Board Update

The next NYHIMA Board conference call is scheduled for August 6th. Some of the issues the board is working on include:

- Incorporating this year's NYHIMA House of Delegate issues into the Strategic Plan
- Planning the 2015 Annual Conference in Syracuse
- Scheduling upcoming educational sessions
- Updating policies and procedures
- Finalizing the 2014-15 budget
- Updating the NYHIMA website

Local Associations News

HIMAWNY Update

On Friday, April 11th we held our first day long Spring Educational Session at Medaille College. It was our first attempt to combine smaller sessions throughout the year into a one day event which included information on current trends, a catered breakfast and lunch, as well as fun door prizes.

We had four speakers that presented information on hot topics such as: Navigating Change; Transitioning to ICD-10; Orthopedic Coding; and a very interesting topic "Is My Computer Making Me Stupid?" All of the speakers were very engaging and involved the group in activities and conversation that motivated and inspired everyone.

The event was a huge success and we plan on holding future day long educational sessions that meet the needs of our membership as well as the healthcare community.

Submitted by: Teresa M. Reinhardt, MBA RHIA

CNYHIMA Update

- On 3/20/14 Masonic Care Community in Utica, NY hosted the CNYHIMA LTC Special Interest Group Roundtable presented by Cindy A. Alsheimer, RHIT, CNYHIMA LTC Special Interest Group Chairperson
- Toni Cornell, RHIT, CCS, CHP CNYHIMA President is now a Certified HIPAA Compliance Officer. Congratulations Toni!
- Jerome Niyirora, RHIA a full-time faculty member in the Health Information Management program at SUNYIT in Utica earned a Ph.D. in Systems Science from Binghamton University in December 2013. Congratulations Dr. Niyirora!
- Jeffery Youngs, RHIT CNYHIMA President Elect was promoted to Manager of HIM at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY and Manager of HIM at Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, NY. Congratulations Jeffery!
- Congratulations to CNYHIMA Members Andrew and Jillian (VanHort) Szatanek who welcomed the arrival of their baby girl Liliana!

Submitted by: Cindy Alsheimer, RHIT



HIMANNY Update

- HIMANNY's March 2014 meeting was hosted at Massena Hospital and provided education on ICD-10 for our local members.
- The May 2014 Annual Meeting will be held at St. Regis Mohawk Health Services, "Diabetes Center for Excellence", located at 66 Business Park Road, Akwesasne, NY 13655. We will have presentations regarding Diabetes and Wound Care for Diabetic patients.
- Donna Bishop, RHIT has moved from Alice Hyde Medical Center to St. Regis Mohawk Health Services.
- Tennille Schmitt, RHIT has moved from Carthage Area Hospital to Community Health Center of the North Country.
- Ciara Gonyea, RHIA has moved from Community Health Center of the North Country to Alice Hyde Medical Center.
- Leslie Mills, RHIT has been promoted to the Director of HIM at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center.

Submitted by: Tennille Schmitt, RHIT

RRHIMA Updates

- Melissa Arena, RHIT received her CHC certification. She is currently President-Elect of RRHIMA and is the Manager of Health Information Management/Corporate Compliance Officer at St. Ann's Community.
- Gretta Hellems received her RHIT certification.
- Judy Kelly, RHIA graduated with an MS in HIM/IT Leadership in December and recently received her CCS certification. She is the Director of Health Information Management at Unity Health System.
- Shannon Lemcke received her RHIT certification. She is a coder in the Health Information Management Department at Unity Health System.
- Colleen Moreland received her RHIT certification. She is an ED coder at the University of Rochester Medical Center.
- Gail Woytek, RHIA received her CCS certification. She is a Clinical Reviewer at Cognisight, LLC.
- Kathy Agan, RHIT has accepted a position as Clinical Document Specialist at Rochester General Hospital.

Submitted by: Dawn Chanin, RHIA



AHIMA NEWS♦NOTES

AHIMA Releases the First Information Governance Benchmarking White Paper for Healthcare Information governance critical for quality, efficient patient care.

[Download](#) the white paper & [Register](#) for a free AHIMA webinar on August 14th discussing the results.

Let your Voice be Heard by Casting your Vote NOW!

Last year NYHIMA's participation rate was only 7%. We can do better! Look for your email to vote online for your AHIMA Board of Directors and CCHIIM Commissioners. Choose leaders in HIM to continue to move the Association forward. AHIMA needs to elect individuals who are ready to take advantage of new opportunities and implement AHIMA's 2014-2017 strategy. Read the candidate profiles in the ballot and make your choices. Polls close at 11:59 p.m. CT on August 18, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Understanding the Appeal Process for Denied Claims

With the thousands of claims that are submitted by providers each day, it is important to understand some basics when you receive a denial of a claim from an insurance carrier. I have prepared just a few Frequently Asked Questions that may answer some of your questions or help in the appeal process.

Click [HERE](#) to read the rest of this article.

Submitted by: Frances Scott, RHIA

WHAT'S NEW IN WASHINGTON

US Department of Justice News

Medical Center to Pay Nearly \$41 Million to Resolve Allegations of False Billing for Unnecessary Cardiac Procedures and Kickbacks

In May Ashland Hospital Corp. d/b/a King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) agreed to pay \$40.9 million to resolve allegations that it submitted false claims to the Medicare and Kentucky Medicaid programs for medically unnecessary coronary stents and diagnostic catheterizations and had prohibited financial relationships with physicians referring patients to the hospital.

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Summarized information from the Department of Justice, Justice News, May 28, 2014

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA CCS

