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### Message from the President



Looking back at 2010, there was a great deal of excitement surrounding Health Information Management. The details of ARRA and HITECH, planning for ICD-10 and so the overwhelming wave of change has left many feeling excited but uncertain. Now for 2011 it

is time to take the details of 2010 and apply them to strategic plans that will build our profession higher and

### Upcoming Events

[HIPAA after HITECH: Part 1](#)

February 10, 2011

Webinar

[Facing the Coding  
Challenges of Excisional  
Debridement](#)

February 15, 2011

Webinar

[The Future of Clinical  
Documentation Improvement  
and Coding with ICD-10](#)

February 18, 2011

Nashville, TN

[Untangling Renal Disease  
Coding](#)

February 23, 2011

Webinar

[Building Blocks for the Future:  
ICD-10 and HIPAA 5010  
Transaction Codes](#)

March 9, 2011

Nashville, TN

[Using PCS in the Real World](#)

March 9, 2011

Webinar

[THiMA Annual Meeting](#)

March 14-16, 2011

stronger for a very bright future. THIMA wants to help you move forward in 2011 from preparation into education. We are going to start off 2011 with several educational opportunities. We are partnering with great organizations such as THA and TNHFMA to make this happen. Don't miss these great opportunities:

**February 18th** we are sponsoring an event called "[The Future of CDI and Coding with ICD-10](#)"

**March 9th** we are sponsoring an event called "[Building Blocks for the Future: ICD-10 and HIPAA 5010 Transaction Codes](#)". Registration is open now for these two important seminars. A description of each seminar is included later in this eNewsBlast.

These two events will be followed by our [Annual Meeting](#) March 14-16 which has an amazing agenda planned. If you haven't been to Murfreesboro in a while, you will be delighted to find it a growing, vibrant city with much to offer! The [Embassy Suites](#) is fabulous and within easy walking distance of some incredible shopping and dining venues. Being the geographic center of the state, Murfreesboro is a great spot to focus on HIM – 'The Center of It All'.

As you can tell, THIMA is working hard to bring the best information to you as our member. I hope you can join us for at least one of these educational events and I hope to see you at the THIMA Hill Day on February 22nd in our State Capital. (See details below.)

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## THIMA Hill Day

THIMA is fortunate that THA allows us to 'piggy-back' on their Hill Day, February 22. THIMA cannot financially support THIMA members to attend (other than the Legislative Committee), but all members are welcome to participate. If you would like to do so, [click here](#) to register for the THA Conference. It is \$15.

Also, go ahead and make appointments with your State

Murfreesboro, TN

## Opportunities

[To learn more visit the job board](#)

### Director of Health

#### Information

Hillside Hospital

### Medical Coder / Biller

Cleveland Pain Management  
PC

### Coding Documentation

#### Specialist

Davita Inc.

### Assistant/Associate

#### Professor

University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center

Senator and Representatives. [Click here](#) for the link for State Representatives/State Senators. At this link, you can learn who your representatives are (in case you don't know) and find contact information for them.

The THIMA Legislative Committee will provide information to you that you can share with your legislators. Our goal is to increase awareness of the HIM profession, the importance of EHR implementation, the value of HIE, and the opportunities for HIM/HIT training in TN.

If you are interested, please notify the central office at [wanda@thima.org](mailto:wanda@thima.org).

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### **CCHIIM ICD-10 Continuing Education Requirements for AHIMA Certified Professionals**

Are you aware of the ICD-10 Continuing Education requirements for all AHIMA certified professionals? The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) has committed that all AHIMA certified professionals to become knowledgeable with the ICD-10-CM/PCS coding system in order to ensure that all of the certified professionals through CCHIIM can continue to demonstrate at least a baseline level of comprehension for the new coding system. For specific credentials, the following number of CEUs specific to ICD-10 are required and included in the total CEU reporting cycle:

CHPS - 1 CEU  
CHDA - 6 CEUs  
RHIT - 6 CEUs  
RHIA - 6 CEUs  
CCS-P - 12 CEUs  
CCS - 18 CEUs  
CCA - 18 CEUs

If the AHIMA certified professional has more than one credential, then the required number of CEUs is the highest number related to the credential indicated above. AHIMA professionals can begin reporting their ICD-10

specific CEUs starting January 1st of this year and the requirement deadline is December 31st, 2013. Those professionals who have already attended AHIMA's Academy for ICD-10 will be allowed to use those CEUs as credit for the required numbers. For more detailed information regarding the required CEUs for ICD-10, refer to the AHIMA website or visit the web address below.

[http://www.ahima.org/downloads/pdfs/certification/ICD10\\_CEU\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.ahima.org/downloads/pdfs/certification/ICD10_CEU_FAQs.pdf)

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## **Legal Handbook Web Portal**

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Authors: Faculty of the Department of Health Informatics & Information Management at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center

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Who would benefit from this valuable web portal? HIM Directors, Physician Practice Managers, Release of Information Companies, Legal Consultants, and the list goes on!

Chapters include Consents, Subpoenas, Release of Information, Behavioral Health Records, The Medical Record (including the Legal EHR), Required Reporting just

to name a few.

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### **Volunteer Spotlight – Rebecca B. Reynolds**

**Rebecca Barron Reynolds, EdD, RHIA**, received a B.S. in Health Information Management from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, TN and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Memphis.

She currently is Associate Professor and Chair of Health Informatics and Information Management and Privacy Coordinator for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center as well as Program Director for the graduate program in Health Informatics and Information Management. Before coming to the UTHSC Department of Health Informatics and Information Management on a full-time basis, Reynolds taught part-time while serving as the Director of the Health Information Management Department at the University of Tennessee Bowld Hospital and later at the University of Tennessee Medical Group, the medical practice of the UT faculty.

Reynolds has taught HIM students in Healthcare Policy, Health Information Technology and Systems as well as Legal Issues while providing HIPAA training for the medical, nursing and allied health students on the UTHSC campus and the UT Knoxville campus. Reynolds has served as Project Manager for HIPAA privacy and security policy development and implementation for the University of Tennessee system. She has taught HIPAA seminars throughout Tennessee and has spoken at the

Tennessee Bar Association's Health Law Forum, the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and the National Conference for Nurse Practitioners. She is co-editor and chapter author of the 2009 AHIMA publication *Fundamentals of Law for Health Informatics and Information Management*.

Reynolds is a member of the Operations Committee of the Mid-South eHealth Alliance which is an AHRQ funded RHIO. She is also a member of the AHIMA eHIM Practice Council and the Education Strategy Committee. In 2010, she is serving as chair of the AHIMA Education Strategy Committee which is a position appointed by the AHIMA president. She is responsible for leading the department through the CAHIIM graduate program approval process and curriculum oversight and development.

Reynolds is active in the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) serving as a former Tennessee delegate to the AHIMA House of Delegates, as a member of the AHIMA Nominating Committee and on the AHIMA Foundation of Research and Education Scholarship Review Committee. She is also past president of the Tennessee Health Information Management Association (THIMA). Reynolds received the Outstanding New Professional Award from THIMA in 1995 and in 2004 received the THIMA Distinguished Member Award. In 2010 she was a co-recipient of the AHIMA Triumph Awards Legacy Award.

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## **The Future of Clinical Documentation Improvement and Coding with ICD-10**

Sponsored by THIMA and THA

**Friday, February 18, 2011**

8:30-3:00

Embassy Suites Nashville - South/Cool Springs  
Franklin, Tennessee

As ICD-10-CM/PCS unfolds, teams of coding professionals, clinicians, physicians, medical

informaticists, and other support personnel must develop and implement strategies to support providers in their clinical definitions, diagnoses, and documentation of patient characteristics and outcomes in the ever developing electronic medical record. Since ICD-10-CM expands clinical detail, professionals involved in Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) must obtain clinically congruent documentation that may not have been needed in ICD-9-CM.

Additionally, multiple entities use severity-adjusted administrative data derived from ICD-9-CM (and soon to be ICD-10-CM/PCS) to manage and monitor healthcare activities in Tennessee. For example, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is advocating financial consequences in Fiscal Year 2013 if inpatient hospitals and their physicians exceed risk-adjusted mortalities and readmission rates for pneumonia, heart failure, and myocardial infarction. Blue Cross Blue Shield publishes on their website risk-adjusted resource utilization and outcomes for all Tennessee hospitals using administrative data. Even Tennessee physicians are profiled by United Healthcare and Blue Cross according to their quality and cost efficiency using their office codes. With these current trends and regulatory actions THIMA ICD-10 Coding Roundtable though this would be a worthwhile discussion and invites you to join.

To register [click here](#).

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## **Building Blocks for the Future: ICD-10 and HIPAA 5010 Transaction Codes**

Sponsored by THIMA, THA, and TNHFMA

**March 9, 2011**

Willis Conference Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

The federal requirement for healthcare providers to adopt the ICD-10 coding system is rapidly approaching. Although implementation for the HIPAA 5010 Transaction Codes is January, 2012 and ICD-10 is scheduled for

October 2013, much planning and training must take place prior to this date. In fact, you can begin enjoying the benefits afforded by the 5010 Transaction Codes well in advance of implementing ICD-10. Come learn what you should be doing now to ensure successful implementation in your organization! Make this work for you!!

[Register now](#) and plan to hear two dynamic speakers:

Joe Nichols, MD, Health Data Consulting

Karen Scott, RHIA, CCS-P, CPC, DocuVoice

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### **ICD-10 Certified Trainers Listed on the Web**

Do you know any ICD-10 Certified Trainers? [Check the list!](#)

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### **ICD-10 PCS Coding Trivia**

[Click here for the questions!](#)

Answers:

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2. g
3. f
4. a
5. e

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