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### Message from the President



The last time I wrote to you we were gearing up for a very busy time at THiMA. As I look at my busy

### Upcoming Events

[AHIMA Academy for 1-10 CM/PCS](#)

June 15-17, 2011-Nashville, TN

Supported by THiMA and AAHIM

**2012 THiMA Annual Meeting**

March 12-14, 2012

Gatlinburg, TN

### Opportunities

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

**Coding/Abstracting Specialist**

Hamilton Health Care System

**CBO Coding Manager**

Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (Nashville)

**Corporate Coder II**

IASIS Healthcare

**Coding Supervisor, Health Information Management**

Saint Francis Hospital Bartlett

**Health Information**



calendar I realize we are on the downhill slide of the spring events. Instead of inviting you to meetings, I need to update you on how successful the past few

weeks have been. These events include THIMA Hill Day, an ICD-10 event and our famous THIMA Annual Meeting.

The THIMA Hill Day is in conjunction with THA who is an incredible partner with THIMA. We joined THA representatives in Nashville and met with Tennessee Legislators. The meetings were very successful and a big thanks to our Legislative Committee for putting together materials and introductory letters for our many new members of the TN legislation.

We also had two successful education meetings in March. The first being an ICD-10 event and the second being the THIMA Annual Meeting. I hope you had the opportunity to join us at one of these events. I look forward to spring every year to enjoy time with my friends in HIM at the Annual Meeting. We enjoyed a special time this year with friends even having an appearance from Dog The Bounty Hunter and his wife Beth Chapman. I encourage you to see pictures from this meeting on the [THIMA Facebook page](#).

Spring is here and we are already planning new education sessions for you. Stay tuned to these emails and our website for info on our next education offerings.

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**CMS Sponsored ICD-10 Teleconferences -- Earn AHIMA/AAPC Continuing Education Credit!**

**Date/Time:** 05/18/2011 // 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET

**Subject:** CMS ICD-10 Conversion Activities National Provider Teleconference - Including a Lab Case Study

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a national provider teleconference on "CMS ICD-10

**Manager**

NHC Healthcare, Dickson

Conversion Activities". Subject matter experts will discuss the ICD-10 conversion process currently taking place within CMS, including a case study from the CMS Coverage and Analysis Group on their transition to ICD-10 for the lab national coverage determinations (NCDs). A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

The following topics will be discussed:

- ICD-10 overview
- Lab NCDs conversion process from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM
- Home health conversion
- OASIS and procedure code reporting
- Update on claims spanning the implementation date
- National ICD-10 implementation issues

#### **How to Register:**

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation.

**Please note:** If you plan to request continuing education credit from your professional organization and if this organization requires proof of registration, you will personally need to register so that you receive a confirmatory e-mail.

Registration will close at 1:00 p.m. ET on May 17, 2011, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made, so please be sure to register prior to this time.

1. To register for the call participants need to go to: <http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/051811>
2. Fill in all required data.
3. Verify that your time zone is displayed correctly in the drop down box.
4. Click "Register".
5. You will be taken to the "Thank you for registering"

page and will receive a confirmation e-mail shortly thereafter. Note: Please print and save this page, in the event that your server blocks the confirmation e-mails. If you do not receive the confirmation e-mail, please check your spam/junk mail filter as it may have been directed there.

6. If assistance for hearing impaired services is needed the request must be sent to [medicare.ttt@palmettogba.com](mailto:medicare.ttt@palmettogba.com) no later than 3 business days before the event.
7. **On the day of the call, please dial in at least 15 minutes before call start time.**

### **Presentation Materials:**

Presentation materials for the May 18 teleconference will be available on this website in the "Downloads" section below no later than 24 hours before the conference call. Remember to download the presentation materials from this site prior to the teleconference.

### **Continuing Education Credits**

Continuing education credits may be awarded by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) or the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) for participation in CMS National Provider Conference Calls.

Continuing Education Information for American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)

If you have attended or are planning to attend a CMS National Provider Conference Call, you should be aware that CMS does not provide certificates of attendance for these calls. Instead, the AAPC will accept your e-mailed confirmation and call description as proof of participation. Please retain a copy of your e-mailed confirmation for these calls as the AAPC will request them for any conference call you entered into your CEU Tracker if you are chosen for CEU verification. Members are awarded one (1) CEU per hour of participation.

Continuing Education Information for American Health

## Information Management Association (AHIMA)

AHIMA credential-holders may claim 1 CEU per 60 minutes of attendance at an educational program. Maintain documentation about the program for verification purposes in the event of an audit. A program does not need to be pre-approved by AHIMA, nor does a CEU certificate need to be provided, in order to claim AHIMA CEU credit. For detailed information about AHIMA's CEU requirements, see the Recertification Guide on AHIMA's web site.

Please note: The statements above are standard language provided to CMS by the AAPC and the AHIMA. If you have any questions concerning either statement, please contact the respective organization, **not CMS**.

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### **Please Vote In The AHIMA Election!**

[Vote Now!](#)

**Polls close at 11:59 p.m. CT on May 20, 2011.**

It's an exciting time in our industry, and we need to elect individuals who are ready to lead the profession and global HIM initiative.

Read candidate profiles and make your selection.

It's your future. It's your Board of Directors and CCHIIM.

**Thank you for making this election a priority!**

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### **Volunteer Spotlight – ICD-10 Trainers**

The Volunteer Spotlight will feature individuals by THIMA regions who completed AHIMA's Academy for ICD-10. Program information at AHIMA's website indicates that prerequisites for participating in the Academy include three years of direct experience assigning ICD-9-CM codes, plus training or teaching experience. Trainers are required to complete an advanced program that includes two online courses and three days of face to face training. After successful completion of the training, attendees must complete an assessment in order to

receive an AHIMA Trainer Certificate. This month's spotlight is on Upper East HIM Association, Knoxville HIM Association and West TN HIM Association:

**Upper East:**

Gail Winkler, RHIA – Director HIT Programs, Walters State Community College, Upper East HIM Association

Jerry Kline, BSN, MSN, APRN, FNP, Grace Primary Care, Huntsville, TN

**Knoxville HIM Association:**

Kyra Brown, RHIA, CCS – Revenue Integrity Auditor, Covenant Health; Adjunct faculty Roane State Community College

Karen Feltner, RHIA, CCS – HIT Program Director, Roane State Community College.

Eve Frazier, MSHA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P – Program Administrator, Clinical Documentation, Covenant Health

Jane Shrader, RHIA – Assistant Professor HIT, Walters State Community College

**West Tennessee Health Information Management Association:**

Becky Hancock, RHIA, CCS- Provider Auditor-Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee

Susan Osborne, MS, RHIA, CCS – Director/ Associate Professor Health Information Technology Program Dyersburg State Community College

Trannie Woodson, RHIA, CCS – Director of Health Information Management, Henry County Medical Center

Roland Dale, MA, RHIA- Director of Health Information Management, Hardin County Medical Center

E. Rene Stanley, RHIS, CCS – Assist Professor HIT/  
Business and Technology Coordinator, Dyersburg State  
Community College

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

Do you know any ICD-10 Certified Trainers? Check the  
list!

<http://www.ahima.org/icd10/trainers.aspx#tennessee>

### Could This Be You???? Take Advantage Of This Opportunity To Elevate Your Status!



<http://www.ahima.org/about/fellowship.aspx>

### AHIMA Fellowship Program

The Fellowship Program is a program of earned recognition for AHIMA members who made significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Individuals who earn fellowship may use the designation Fellow of the American Health Information Management Association (FAHIMA), and their names will be maintained in the AHIMA Registry of Fellows.

The purpose of the Fellowship Program is to:

- Recognize significant and sustained contribution to advancement of the Health Information Management (HIM) discipline through meritorious service, excellence in professional practice,

- excellence in HIM education, and advancement of the profession through innovation and knowledge sharing.
- Provide an incentive for members to contribute to the advancement of the profession.
  - Bring together senior HIM professionals as an organizational resource for continued promotion and development of the profession through a variety of activities.

The Fellowship program has two designations: Fellowship and Candidacy for Fellowship.

### **Fellowship Designation**

Fellowship is open to any individual who is a regular, honorary, or senior member of AHIMA, and who meets the following eligibility requirements:

- Minimum of 10 years full-time professional experience in HIM or related field.
- Minimum of 10 years continuous AHIMA membership at time of application (not including years as a student member).
- Minimum of master's degree.
- Evidence of sustained and substantial professional achievement that demonstrates professional growth and use of innovative and creative solutions.

Once conferred, the fellow status is a lifetime recognition, subject to continuing AHIMA membership and compliance with the [AHIMA Code of Ethics](#).

### **Candidacy for Fellowship Designation**

Candidacy serves as a preparatory period for those individuals whose portfolio does not meet the criteria for fellowship, but who want an opportunity to formalize lifelong learning and development plans. Admission to candidacy does not automatically result in the conferment of fellowship.

Candidacy is open to any individual who is a regular, honorary, or senior member of AHIMA, and who meets the

following eligibility requirements:

- Minimum of five years full-time professional experience in HIM or related field.
- Minimum of five years continuous AHIMA membership at time of application (not including years as a student member).
- Minimum of master's degree.
- Beginning evidence toward significant contributions to the advancement of the HIM field.

The normal candidacy period is one to five years, depending upon individual background. A candidate can apply for fellowship status at any time. An individual may remain in candidacy status with one renewal period to extend candidacy to a total of five years.

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### **Two Important Messages For HIM Professionals!**

1) CMS is publishing hospital specific rates for 8 hospital-acquired conditions (HACs) as a downloadable file ([www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)) and on Hospital Compare, the CMS public reporting website ([www.hospitalcompare.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.gov)). The release of this data file will likely generate interest from media and your community.

The data report will only apply to acute care hospitals paid under the IPPS payment system, so critical access, long-term care, children's, psychiatric and rehab facilities are excluded from this report.

The HAC data is based on CMS calculations of the number of incidents as reported in your Medicare fee for service claims that are not coded as **present on admission (POA)**. The number of incidents and the rate per 1,000 discharges will be displayed by hospital along with reference national rates. Additional details and frequently asked questions resources are available from [www.qualitynet.org](http://www.qualitynet.org) under Hospitals-Inpatient >HAC measures.

We suggest that HIM professionals who are responsible for coded data reach out to your infection control and

quality department colleagues to review your facility's data and be prepared for media inquiries, etc.

Here are the HACs adopted for the Reporting Program:

1. Foreign object retained after surgery
2. Air embolism
3. Blood incompatibility
4. Stage III and IV pressure ulcers
5. Falls and trauma
6. Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (UTI)
7. Vascular catheter-associated infection
8. Manifestations of poor glycemic control

The Reporting Program will include discharges from October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

**2) To comply with the Colby Stansberry Act (Public Chapter 862 - <http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/106/pub/pc0862.pdf>), health care facilities and individual healthcare providers are encouraged to adopt language similar to the following to be included in their release of information policies:**

*If protected health information is **de-identified**, it is "exempt" from the HIPAA privacy rule because it is not reasonable that someone could identify an individual from the information compiled or disclosed. However, the de-identified health information, including medical records, images, videos or pictures may only be externally used or disclosed as set forth below.*

*Unless required/permitted by law or for the internal uses of <organization/facility>, staff shall seek the **approval of the Administration or their designee before agreeing to any external request, disclosure or use of any de-identified health information from any person or entity who is not a health care professional, in training for or student of a health care profession/career or an instructor in a health care educational institution.** When the person or entity is not a health care professional, in training for or student of a health care profession/career or an instructor in a health care*

*educational institution, the Administration shall obtain written authorization from the patient or their authorized representative, but only if the Administration deems such authorization necessary to preserve the dignity of the patient.*

*Any medical information used or disclosed outside of <organization/facility> for the education and training of health care professionals, including students, residents, and instructors (such as presenting a case-study required by their health care profession educational institution), must be de-identified and should be presented with the dignity of the patient in mind, even if the patient is incapacitated or deceased.*

**Note,***any information compiled or disclosed, which includes individually identifiable health information, is subject to other organization policies, such as the “privacy of patient and hospital information” and “health information--authorization and release.”*

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## **Legislative Update**

### **AHIMA Hill Day**

AHIMA members were able to meet with their representatives and senators during the start of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress during AHIMA Hill Day, running March 28-29, 2011, in Washington DC. AHIMA Team Talks allows Component State Associations to help set the direction of the HIM profession and AHIMA. A complete update of the progress made on the Hill will be discussed in future issues of eNews blast.

### **THIMA Hill Day**

The THIMA Hill Day was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2011 in conjunction with THA who is an incredible partner with THIMA. Members from THIMA joined THA representatives in Nashville and met with Tennessee Legislators. The Legislative Committee provided materials and introductory letters for the new members of the Tennessee legislature. When it was all said and done,

the meetings were very successful.

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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:

<b>CHPS</b>	<b>1 CEU</b>
<b>CHDA</b>	<b>6 CEUs</b>
<b>RHIT</b>	<b>6 CEUs</b>
<b>RHIA</b>	<b>6 CEUs</b>
<b>CCS-P</b>	<b>12 CEUs</b>
<b>CCS</b>	<b>18 CEUs</b>
<b>CCA</b>	<b>18 CEUs</b>

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 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and the requirement deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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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