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Call for Perspectives

From the President



Happy Halloween! Time is flying and so much is going on- yes, ICD 10 is finally here!

The week of September 27th I was fortunate enough to serve as a delegate representing NYHIMA at the AHIMA convention in New Orleans. I was not able to attend the entire conference, however I heard it was absolutely fantastic. While in the House of Delegates (HoD) on Sunday, we each chose a working session to attend. NY delegates Sandy Macica, Chris Edwards, Diane Skelton, Mari Pirie-St. Pierre, and myself were each assigned to a separate session. We wanted to make sure we had all sessions covered.

The sessions were:

1. Delegate Qualifications

- Objective: Define what the qualifications are needed for a member to become a HoD member.

2. Delegate Engagement

- Objective: Develop agreed upon goals as a HoD as to the appropriate level of engagement.

3. Purpose of the House of Delegates

- Objective: Review and evaluate the purpose statement of Bylaws.

4. HIM Definition

- Objective: Develop an agreed upon definition of the HIM profession.

At the end of the day ideas were reported back to the general group. I will keep monitoring the AHIMA site for any specific results that are posted to share with you all.

Articles:

NYHIMA is currently accepting articles for the December 2015 issue of Perspectives. Please send any articles for consideration to: [Darlene McKendrick](mailto:Darlene.McKendrick@nyhima.com) by 11/15/15.

[NYHIMA Job Bank](#)

October 1st then brought ICD 10! From my experience, the first week or two were not so bad. However, I recently began to see more issues with systems, edits, split billing and other areas. It seems from a coding prospective you all were prepared and kept chugging along but I'm sure we will continue to hear more on ICD 10 in the future. With the advent of ICD 10, NYHIMA will once again be resurrecting the Coding Guidelines Committee. We've had some volunteers but are always looking for more. If you are interested in participating, please contact the NYHIMA Central Office at nyhima@caphill.com.

Last but certainly not least, it's that time of year where we begin looking for nominees for the 2017 Board. The NYHIMA nominating committee is currently looking for candidates for the following positions:

- President Elect – 3 year term
- Secretary/Director Communications – 2 year term
- Legislative Director – 2 year term
- Delegate – 2 year term
- Awards Committee – 1 year term

Please consider submitting someone's name or even your own. It truly is an awesome experience and gives you many opportunities for growth both personally and professionally.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns for NYHIMA, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Michele Bohley, RHIA, CCS
NYHIMA President

Submitted by: Michele Bohley, RHIA, CCS

ICD-10-CM/PCS

[Coding Issues and Rejections Begin to Appear: Pleading your Case](#)

Surprisingly one of the first issues that has come to light in New York State was a physician claim that was rejecting for the use of a code for hyperlipidemia (E78.5) and hyperglycemia (R73.9). Currently there is an Excludes1 Note I for the use of the two codes together.

This issue was slated for correction at a September 2013 meeting of the ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee, but ICD-10 was then delayed again and the correction was not finalized. It appears it is a typo in the tabular list and the note should have actually been an Excludes2 note. With this correction the two codes would be allowed to be used together.

Currently the partial code freeze means only ICD-10 codes for new technologies and new diagnoses were considered for October 1, 2015 (or will be considered for April 1, 2016 if needed). All other ICD-10 code updates would be made after the code freeze ends on October 1, 2016. The last updates to the ICD-10 code sets were made on October 1, 2011. On October 1, 2012, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2014 there were only limited code updates to the ICD-10 code sets to capture new technologies and diseases. **The FY 2014 release of ICD-10-CM included all official authorized addenda through October 1, 2013.** There were no changes to the FY2015 and FY 2016 ICD-10-CM Tabular or Index files therefore there are no FY 2015/6 addenda files.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, Past President Director

ICD-10-CM Question

We have received several questions regarding the interpretation of Excludes1 notes in ICD-10-CM when the conditions are unrelated to one another.

Answer: If the two conditions are not related to one another, it is permissible to report both codes despite the presence of an Excludes1 note. For example, the Excludes1 note at code range R40-R46, states that symptoms and signs constituting part of a pattern of mental disorder (F01-F99) cannot be assigned with the R40-R46 codes. However, if dizziness (R42) is not a component of the mental health condition (e.g., dizziness is unrelated to bipolar disorder), then separate codes may be assigned for both dizziness and bipolar disorder.

In another example, code range I60-I69 (Cerebrovascular Diseases) has an Excludes1 note for traumatic intracranial hemorrhage (S06.-). Codes in I60-I69 should not be used for a diagnosis of traumatic intracranial hemorrhage. However, if the patient has both a current traumatic intracranial hemorrhage and sequela from a previous stroke, then it would be appropriate to assign both a code from S06- and I69-.

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, Past President Director

NYHIMA News ♦ Notes

The 2015 AHIMA Convention: A NYHIMA Delegate's Perspective

Each year NYHIMA sends five representatives to the AHIMA House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting which takes place at the Annual AHIMA Convention & Exhibit. This year the convention took place in beautiful New Orleans on September 26-30th and was themed: HIM Without Walls.

In addition to the fantastic location, delegates were afforded the opportunity to not only learn about current and upcoming AHIMA initiatives but to network with other delegates and fellow HIM professionals from throughout the country. Each delegate brought different professional experiences that contributed to the meeting and conversly, each left with different takeaways that will benefit both NYHIMA and the delegates themselves for years to come.

This year NYHIMA asked its delegates to report on their experiences at the AHIMA HOD Meeting which can be viewed by clicking on the delegate's name below.

[Mari St. Pierre, RHIA, NYHIMA Delegate](#)

[Diane Skelton, RHIT, CTR, NYHIMA Delegate](#)

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

Upcoming NYHIMA Programs & Events

Don't miss out on NYHIMA's upcoming educational offerings. Click on the links below to find out more or to register.

November 6, 2015: [Access to and Release of Health Information & HIPAA Privacy, Security and Breach Notification](#)

December 4, 2015: [Data Analytics Bootcamp](#)



Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

[Don't Forget to Join or Renew your NYHIMA Membership!](#)

We know HIM professionals have busy lives, so we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the many benefits NYHIMA membership provide for our members and remind you to renew or join in order to receive the many benefits of membership.

NYHIMA has already provided the following during the 2015-16 membership year:

- CCS Exam Review Session worth 6 CEUs and \$50 in savings!
- Free CDI & ICD-10 Symposium worth 5 CEUs
- ICD-10 Coding Retreat worth 8 CEUs and \$50 in savings!
- NYC and Syracuse Legal Program worth 5 CEUs and \$50 in savings

After participating in just two NYHIMA webinars or one in person session the cost of membership will have paid for itself with the savings from member discounts! ***What are you waiting for?*** [Click here for more information and to renew or join NYHIMA today!](#)

Submitted by: NYHIMA Central Office

[Local Association News](#)

CNYHIMA

CNYHIMA LONG TERM CARE SECTION NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Our CNYHIMA Long Term Care Section will hold the next meeting November 3, 2015 from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm at Faxon - St. Luke's Healthcare in Utica, New York---more details to come soon to LTC members' inbox.

[Click here to see the full CNYHIMA update.](#)

Submitted by: Cindy Alsheimer, RHIT, CNYHIMA Communications Director

RRHIMA

RRHIMA to Offer November Educational Session on Compliance

RRHIMA will be offering an education session on November 12, 2015 that would be of value to HIM professionals including: Managers and Directors, Coders, Data Quality Managers, Medical Practice Office Managers, Patient Financial Services, EHR Implementation staff, educators, and students.

[Click here for more information or to register](#)

On 9/24/15 RRHIMA also held an education session at the Burgundy Basin Inn. There were 63 registrants and presentations included:

ICD 9 VS. ICD 10 Documentation for Professional Services

Betsy L. Priest, AA, CCS-P, AHIMA approved ICD -10 – CM/PCS Trainer, Coding Integrity Coordinator/Educator, Rochester Regional Health System

Preparing for ICD 10 changes in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Keith Grams – Associate Chief Medical Officer, Through Put and Capacity Management Chair, Emergency Services at Rochester Regional Health System

Submitted by: Tracy Locke, MS, RHIA

In the Spotlight

[NYHIMA Past President Earns AHIMA Distinguished Member Award](#)



Patty Thierry Sheridan, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA, is the 2015 recipient of AHIMA's highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award.

As many of you know Patty, is a past president of NYHIMA. In her acceptance speech she mentioned her early days in HIM in New York State and the many friendships she made here. Patty is passionate about HIM, leadership and volunteerism. In her experience as president of Care Communications, Inc., and her numerous senior roles at AHIMA, including as board president/chair, Sheridan has made significant contributions to healthcare leadership in HIM, patient access and data management. She currently serves as senior vice president of IOD, Incorporated, and as a community trustee on the Resurrection University Board of Directors for the College of Nursing and College of Allied Health.

Congratulations Patty!

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, Past President Director

AHIMA News ♦ Notes

[AHIMA Foundation Receives \\$4.9 Million for Apprenticeship Program](#)

Under a program focused on expanding apprenticeships, the AHIMA Foundation will receive a \$4.9 million grant to fund the Managing the Talent Pipeline inHealth Information apprenticeship program. This program will target 1,200 recent college graduates and working learners, providing on-ramps to healthcare data management careers. The AHIMA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

The grant awarded to the AHIMA Foundation by the U.S. Department of Labor and announced by President Obama on Sept. 9 in Warren, Mich., will allow the AHIMA Foundation to work with employers ranging from Kaiser to the Seattle Children's Hospital using a competency based, on-the-job apprenticeship training program in healthcare informatics.

A unique aspect of the program is to develop a track to help individuals with high-functioning autism spectrum disorders apprentice in medical coding.

"We're honored to have the opportunity to help so many qualified people find a role in health information management," said William Rudman PhD, RHIA, executive director of the AHIMA Foundation and AHIMA vice president of education visioning. "This program benefits not only our participants, but also the healthcare industry across the country that will have well-qualified employees to meet the increasing needs for health information."

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, Past President Director
Abstracted from AHIMA Press Release, September 10, 2015

CAHIIM Programs News ♦ Notes

[CUNY School of Professional Studies Offers RHIT/RHIA Certification Exam Prep Session](#)

The CUNY School of Professional Studies will be offering a RHIT/RHIA Certification Exam Prep Session on November 14, 2015. The interactive one day seminar is designed to serve as a supplement to student's review of competencies as they prepare to sit for the RHIT/RHIA certification exam.

[Click here for more information or to register.](#)

Submitted by Ellen Karl, MBA, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA
Academic Director, HIM Programs
CUNY School of Professional Studies

Professional Development

[Health Data Analytics with Microsoft Excel: MOOC Offered by College of St. Scholastica](#)

What is a MOOC? A massive open online course (MOOC /muEk/) is an online course aimed at unlimited participation and open access via the web. The College of St. Scholastica is offering a health data analytics course online at no charge. Registration is available until November 20th but the approximately 60 hour course must be completed by December 20th. This program has been approved for 12 continuing education unit(s), pending renewal, for use in fulfilling the continuing education requirements of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

In this course the college states that participants can expect to learn the fundamental skills for sorting, filtering, summarizing, visualizing and interpreting healthcare data. These skills will follow closely with each required step of the data analytics lifecycle. This course is designed to provide participants a hands-on experience in health data analytics using the widely adopted tool, Microsoft Excel.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Submitted by: Sandra Macica, MS, RHIA, CCS, Past President Director

What's New In Washington?

[Nursing Home Pharmacy to Pay \\$9.25 Million to Settle Kickback Allegations](#)

The nation's second-largest nursing home pharmacy, recently agreed to pay \$9.25 million to resolve allegations that it solicited and received kickbacks from a pharmaceutical manufacturer in exchange for promoting the prescription drug Depakote for nursing home patients.

The report stated that nursing homes rely on consultant pharmacists to review their residents' medical records at least monthly. They then make recommendations to their physicians about what drugs should be prescribed for those residents. This settlement resolves allegations that in exchange for recommending that physicians prescribe Depakote, an anti-epileptic drug, to nursing home residents, the consulting pharmacy solicited and received kickbacks from the drug manufacturer. The government alleges that the kickbacks were disguised as rebates, educational grants and other financial support.

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Benjamin C. Mizer stated that "Elderly nursing home residents suffering from dementia have little control over the medications they receive and depend on the unbiased judgment of healthcare professionals for their daily care. Kickbacks to entities making drug recommendations compromise their independence and undermine their role in protecting nursing home residents from the use of unnecessary drugs."

Excerpted from Justice News, Department of Justice, October 7, 2015

www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nations-second-largest-nursing-home-pharmacy-pay-925-million-settle-kickback-allegations

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