Hello NYHIMA members, supporters and friends,

I was officially sworn in as the 2015-16 NYHIMA President at this year's 80th Annual Conference in Syracuse and am so very proud to serve on your behalf. While the conference was very well attended, I want to make sure that even those who were unable to be there are aware of our many goals and initiatives for this membership year.

I hope you enjoy reading my President's Address from the 2015 Annual Conference and welcome your participation in NYHIMA as we continue to grow not only as an organization but as HIM professionals.

Click here to read my President's Address.

Thank you again for your support of NYHIMA,

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Submitted by: Michele Bohley, RHIA, CCS

of ICD-10-CM evolves. The ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting state that they are a set of rules that have been developed to accompany and complement the official conventions and instructions provided within the ICD-10-CM itself. The instructions and conventions of the classification take precedence over guidelines.

In the tabular list with code category I63., Cerebral Infarction, there is an Excludes1 Note for Sequelae of Cerebral Infarction (I69.3-). This would imply that if you report a code from category I63, the coder cannot report a code from category I69. However Guideline Section I.C.9.d.2 states that codes from category I69 may be assigned on a health care record with codes from I60-I67, if the patient has a current cerebrovascular disease and deficits from an old cerebrovascular disease.

Also, guidance from the coding cooperating parties instructs that coders are to report any neurological deficits caused by a cerebrovascular accident (CVA) even when they have resolved prior to discharge from the hospital when they are not inherent to an acute cerebrovascular accident (CVA). If a deficit resolves prior to discharge, the code for the deficit such as aphasia (R47.01), would be reported rather than a code from category I69 which identifies a residual or sequelae.
Previously Presented FREE Webinars from the American Hospital Association

It looks like ICD-10 is going to happen. As you are looking for last minute education to do at your convenience, here are some of the most recent but previously presented webinars from the AHA that you can still register for:

- 2015 Update on AHA Coding Clinic for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS – Part 1
- Coding for ICD-10-CM – Utilization of the Seventh Character
- Review of the ICD-10-PCS Official Coding Guidelines
- Best of AHA Coding Clinic for ICD-10-PCS

Click through or go to the AHA website linked above to see more details or to register.

NYHIMA News + Notes

NYHIMA Board Update

This summer was a busy and productive couple of months for the NYHIMA Board of Directors and Central Office! Here’s a peek at what we’ve been up to on your behalf:

- Post-Conference Board Meeting on June 10th to review and analyze the 2015 Annual Conference in an effort to continuously improve on the next year’s program.
- Launched the 2015-16 Membership Recruitment email campaign on June 29th - have you renewed your NYHIMA membership yet?
- 2015-16 Budget meeting to ensure the fiscal viability of the organization was held on June 28th at the NYHIMA Central Office in Albany.
- Angie McGrath and Jeffery Youngs toured Plaza College in Queens as a new venue to host educational programs for our Downstate members on July 8th.
- Provided a full day CCS Exam Review Session at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse on July 24th.
- Held a joint CDI & ICD-10 Symposium with MaHIMA and ACDIS on July 30th at Baystate Medical Center in Holyoke, MA which was attended by 175 people and sponsored by RecordsOne.
- Hosted the first full day Downstate ICD-10 Coding Retreat at Plaza College in Queens on August 14th.
- Hosted another full day ICD-10 Coding Retreat on August 31st at the Crouse Hospital College of Nursing in Syracuse.
- Preparing for the Fall Board meeting and Local Leaders meeting to be held on September 20th and 21st in Albany.

As you can see NYHIMA has been working diligently on your behalf to make sure we are offering you the programs and resources necessary for advancing your HIM career and expanding your professional network.

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 provides...
for our members throughout 2014-15 and remind you to renew or join in order to receive the many benefits of membership.

During the 2014-15 membership year, NYHIMA members enjoyed:

- Discounted registration fees to 18 Educational offerings worth 49 CEUs and up to $25 in savings!
- Access to the new Members Only section of NYHIMA's updated website which helps keep you in the know and provides ample opportunities to connect with your colleagues from throughout the State. Priceless!
- ICD-10 legislative updates and calls for action to our State Representatives.

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!

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

**Long Term Care Section Update**

As we face the change of seasons we also face many changes in Long Term Care. We, along with the rest of the healthcare community face a major change to our profession with the implementation of ICD-10. We have been awaiting its arrival for years now and it is finally here!

Healthcare, in general, has changed quite rapidly over the last several years and Long Term Care has been affected just like the rest of the healthcare community.

Our facilities are facing many common challenges in healthcare: the push toward “paperless” records, advancements of the EHR, budget cuts, always doing more with less staff, money, etc., downsizing, changes in reimbursement, closures, takeovers, mergers, clinical documentation improvement, and the list goes on and on.

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

Submitted by: Rebecca Pittler, RHIA, NYHIMA LTC Chair

**Local Association News**

**CNYHIMA**

Looking at the upcoming year, CNYHIMA would like to provide members with a great variety of educational opportunities. We are looking for members who would be willing to share the knowledge that they have.

Please let us know if you are interested in sharing your expertise. We are especially looking for those that are knowledgeable on Information Governance. If you have a topic that you would like to present on, contact Dolores Boylan, President-Elect and Education Chair at doloresboylan@crouse.org.

For more CNYHIMA updates [click here to read the most recent newsletter.](#)
In the Spotlight

NYHIMA Past President Joins AHIMA

NYHIMA is proud to announce that Past President Donna Rugg, RHIT, CCS has joined AHIMA as the Director of HIM Practice Excellence-Terminology Mapping, Coding and Data Standards as of April 23, 2015.

With over 30 years of experience in acute care, holding positions such as HIM Operations Manager, HIM Director, HIM Supervisor, Coder, Compliance Audit & Risk Manager, Donna is sure to be a valuable member to the AHIMA team.

In addition to her new position, Donna is active in the Local (RRHIMA), State (NYHIMA), and National (AHIMA) Health Information Management Associations having served as President, Education Director, Newsletter editor, Communications Director, and delegate at the state and local levels. Donna is also a past member of the AHA Coding Clinic Editorial Advisory Board, AHIMA CCS construction committee, and former chair of AHIMA’s Commission on Certification of Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). Donna was also the recipient of the NYHIMA Distinguished member award in 2005.

Please join NYHIMA in congratulating Donna in her new position!

AHIMA News + Notes

AHIMA Announces Virtual Career Fair

On November 5, 2015 from 1:00PM-4:00PM AHIMA will host a virtual Career Fair.

The AHIMA Career Assist Virtual Career Fair connects you directly with employers that have open health information management-related career opportunities from the comfort of your home or office.

You will log in and see employers that want to hire HIM talent, the specific opportunities they have available, and information about each hiring organization. You will choose which employers you want to interact with and then engage in a one-on-one chat directly with a recruiter from those organizations. You can share your background, experience, resume, and ask questions.

Following each chat interview, you'll be able to go back to the Event Lobby and select additional recruiters to chat with from other participating employer companies!

The AHIMA Career Assist Virtual Career Fair connects you in real time with employers seeking to recruit top talent. Click here for more information or to register.

CAHIIM Programs News + Notes
Health Information Technology Educator's Summer Symposium

The annual Health Information Technology (HIT) Educator's Summer Symposium was held July 19th - 22nd, 2015 in Austin, Texas. The Faculty Development Institute (FDI) was held July 19th, sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA); and the Assembly on Education (AOE) took place on July 20 thru July 22, 2015, sponsored by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics & Information Management the HIM program accreditation organization (CAHIIM).

There was a full day workshop on Sunday titled Maximizing Data Using Microsoft Excel for HIM Educators: A Practical Approach to Design Useful Exercises and Assignments. Click here to view highlights of the conference.

Submitted by Tracy Fulmer Locke, MS, RHIA (RRHIMA)
Alfred State College

Professional Development

Don't Forget about SPARCS!

As of last week, only approximately 35 facilities tested ICD-10.

In their recent newsletter, SPARCS reminded us that exceptions for facilities that are non-compliant will not be granted due to unsuccessful submissions of ICD-10 production data. ICD-10 testing for SPARCS data is available in "beta" only. In order to beta test, the allowable service date range for ICD-10 coding is 10/1/2015 through 9/30/2016. Discharges with a date greater than 9/30/2016 will not be processed in the beta testing mode.

Since ICD-10 is only in the beta phase, no data should be submitted unless the TEST/PROD indicator has been set to beta ("B") or "beta test" has been selected in the export option in the SPARCS 837 PC application.

Some facilities have submitted ICD-10 in production. This will result in errors, and these records will need to be corrected with ICD-9 codes and resubmitted.

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

Are You a Coach or a Mentor or Something Else?

With ICD-10 on the horizon, health information management professionals must have their best people skills in place. Everything we have learned about how to get along with others while accomplishing a common goal will be put to the test. With all the excitement comes stress and the need to help people learn from and listen to each other. What roles will you be taking with your staff, coworkers, and superiors? You will probably find yourself doing some or all of these:

- Guiding: the process of directing an individual or a group along the path leading from present state to a desired state
- Coaching: helping another person to improve awareness, to set and achieve goals in order to improve a particular behavioral performance
- Teaching: helping an individual or group develop cognitive skills and capabilities
- Mentoring: helping to shape an individual’s beliefs and values in
a positive way; often a longer term career relationship from
someone who has ‘done it before’

- Counselling: helping an individual to improve performance by
  resolving situations from the past.

Click here to read the full article.

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

**New Law Puts Providers on NOTICE**

While many providers are still digesting the IPPS Final Rule, muddling
through how the OPPS Proposed Rule might impact their bottom line,
and kicking rocks because the 2-midnight rule was not chucked,
President Obama signed a bill into law on August 6, 2015—and it’s one
providers should note. Unanimously approved by both the House and
Senate earlier this year, the Notice of Observation Treatment and
Implication for Care Eligibility Act, otherwise called the NOTICE Act, will
not take effect until August 2016, but will certainly add one more layer to
the administrative burden associated with outpatient observation
services when it does.

Click here to read the full article.

Submitted by: Darlene McKendrick, RHIT, CCS, Communications Director
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