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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

CMS PROPOSES RULE TO MAKE MEANINGFUL USE MORE FLEXIBLE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Office of the National Coordinator proposed a rule Tuesday that would, according to a [statement](#), grant more flexibility in how providers use certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) to meet meaningful use. The proposed rule would let providers use 2011 edition CEHRT for Stage 1 or Stage 2 in 2014, and attest to the 2013 definition of meaningful use and use 2013 clinical quality measures. Proposed changes are for 2014 only.

The proposed rule would also extend Stage 2 through 2016 and push Stage 3 to 2017.

[Read the proposed rule](#) (to be published in the *Federal Register* Friday). If you would like to participate in developing AHIMA's response, please e-mail don.asmonga@ahima.org.

2015 ICD-10-CM AND ICD-10-PCS FILES RELEASED

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the 2015 ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS and GEMs files. These updates do not include the 2015 ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines or the ICD-10-CM GEMs. Although there are no changes to the ICD-10-CM files or the ICD-10-PCS Official Coding Guidelines, there are updates and revisions in response to public comments in the PCS index entries, PCS definition entries, and changes to the ICD-10-PCS Reference Manual.

Access the [ICD-10-CM and GEMs](#) and [ICD-10-PCS and GEMs](#) files.

PARTIAL CODE FREEZE TO CONTINUE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced the partial code freeze for both the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10 code sets will continue until October 1, 2016. Due to the partial code freeze, no ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM, or ICD-10-PCS code updates will occur October 1, 2014. Limited updates to capture new technologies and diseases will be made to the ICD-10 code sets on October 1, 2015; as of that date, there will be no further updates to ICD-9-CM. Regular updates to ICD-10 will begin on October 1, 2016, one year after the implementation of ICD-10.

[Read the CMS announcement.](#)



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CMS'S DENISE BUENNING RESIGNS

According to the ICD-10 Monitor website, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of E-health Standards & Services Deputy Director Denise Buenning, MsM, stepped down earlier this month to take a position with CAQH, a nonprofit association of health plans and trade associations. A source told ICD-10 Monitor that Buenning's role will be filled by Matthew Albright, director of the Administration Simplification Group, CMS Office of E-Health Standards and Services.

ICD10 Monitor notes that Buenning was a frequent speaker at industry association conferences, including AHIMA's. In April, she spoke at [AHIMA's ICD-10-CM/PCS and Computer-Assisted Coding Summit](#) in Baltimore, MD, about the ICD-10 delay.

[Read the ICD-10 Monitor article.](#)

REVISED RULES PROPOSED ON CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has published a proposed rule, seeking comments on revisions to the rules associated with Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP) for fraud and abuse. The Affordable Care Act significantly expanded OIG's authority to protect Federal healthcare programs from fraud and abuse. The proposed rule codifies the changes for:

- Failure to grant OIG timely access to records
- Ordering or prescribing while excluded
- Making false statements, omissions, or misrepresentations in an enrollment application
- Failure to report and return an overpayment
- Making or using a false record or statement that is material to a false or fraudulent claim

[Read the proposed rule.](#)



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UPCOMING PUBLIC POLICY WEBINARS



May 28 - [The Standards and Interoperability Framework](#) *Presenter: Doug Fridsma, MD, chief science officer and director, Office of Science and Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT*

June 11 - [Standards: AHIMA at Work for You](#) *Presenters: Diana Warner, MS, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, director him practice excellence, AHIMA;*

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NEXT FRIDAY

Fellows of AHIMA are members who have earned recognition for their significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Don't miss out. [Apply](#) by Friday, May 30.



The journal *Applied Clinical Informatics (ACI)* is calling for papers for a special issue on key issues for the future of health information management (HIM) and health informatics (HI). Manuscripts are due by September 20. Questions can be directed to [Meryl Bloomrosen](#), associate editor. Be sure to include "Special HIM and HI Issue" in the title. [Access full author instructions.](#)

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 2014 LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM?

July 11-12 at the Westin Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, IL, AHIMA and CSA leaders and delegates will engage in strategic direction, and envisioning the future. [Registration](#) and the reduced hotel rate end June 13.

SUBMIT YOUR TRIUMPH AWARD NOMINATION



AHIMA's prestigious Triumph Awards honor HIM professionals who have shown extraordinary leadership, volunteerism, and talent. The 2014 awards will be presented in September at AHIMA's 86th Annual Convention & Exhibit in San Diego, CA. Time is running out to submit your nomination— Submit your [nomination](#) by June 2. Sponsored in part by **3M**.

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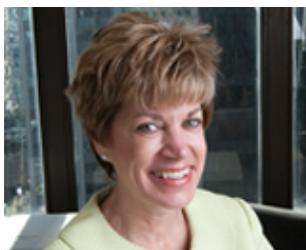
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2014 RACE AWARD NOMINATIONS



AHIMA is accepting nominations through August 15 for the 2014 Roundtable Achievement in Coding Excellence (RACE) Awards, to be presented at the Clinical Coding Community Meeting on September 27 in San Diego, CA. Find [award criteria and the nomination form](#) in the State Leaders and HOD Engage Community.

VOTE FOR AHIMA'S CEO



AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA, is among the candidates on *Modern Healthcare's* "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" ballot. Voting is open now through June 13. AHIMA members are encouraged to [go to the ballot and vote](#) for Thomas Gordon's leadership and influence in advancing AHIMA and the HIM profession.



EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



[AHIMA's Annual Clinical Coding Meeting](#)

June 6-7
New Orleans, LA

Early bird registration ends Friday, May 23

This is a must-attend event for all stakeholders in the coding industry, with an in-depth focus on ICD-10-CM/PCS and other initiatives driving healthcare today. Not-to-miss sessions include "Challenges in Clinical Documentation: Stories from the Front Line" by Jonathan Elion, MD, and "Embracing Coding Certification through the ICD-10 Storm" by Kelli Horn, RHIT, CCS, CCA.

Prepare to earn one of AHIMA's highly valued and respected credentials. Attend an AHIMA exam preparation workshop:

[CHPS \(Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security\) Exam Prep](#)

[Workshop](#): July 21-23, Philadelphia, PA

[CHDA \(Certified Health Data Analyst\)](#)

[Exam Prep Workshop](#): July 26-27, Chicago, IL (prior to the [AOE Symposium](#))

[CDIP \(Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner\)](#)

[Exam Prep Workshop](#): August 6-7, Washington, DC (following the [CDI Summit](#))

Eligibility [requirements](#) apply.

Visit our [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) for more upcoming events.

ONLINE RESOURCES



These one-hour webinars start at 1 p.m. ET:

June 5

[How to Handle HIPAA Security Breaches Properly](#)

The potential for harm from a mishandled breach is staggering, particularly because HIPAA requires the breaching entity to mitigate the harm resulting from a breach. Learn how to define a HIPAA breach, take measures to mitigate harm, and to whom to report breaches.

June 12

[Preparing for PHI Request for Restrictions](#)

An important but frequently overlooked provision of the final HIPAA rules affects patients' rights to request restrictions on their protected health information (PHI) use and disclosure. Understand the new provisions and steps to ensure your organization is prepared to receive and comply with requests for restrictions on PHI.

Are you interested in influencing patient care as a **certified tumor registrar** (CTR)? The Web-based [Cancer Registry Management Program](#), an NCRA-accredited component for CTR exam Eligibility Route A—Path 2, offered by AHIMA and the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA), can help you excel in this respected, high-demand profession. AHIMA CEUs are available.

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