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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

TO DUAL CODE, OR NOT TO DUAL CODE?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) knows that is a common question. Recent guidance issued by e-mail (sign up [here](#)) explains when to use dual coding and processing and when not to:

"Dual coding and dual processing can be useful tools to prepare for ICD-10 by testing whether you are able to prepare, send, receive, and process transactions with ICD-10. However, ICD-10 can be used for testing purposes only before the compliance date; providers and payers cannot use ICD-10 in 'live' transactions for dates of service before the ICD-10 compliance date."

The guidance reiterates October 1, 2015, as the expected compliance date, and that a final rule is expected soon. [The guidance has been reprinted at Health Data Management.](#)

STUDY FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF FRAUD WITH EHRs

Responding to concern in recent years that electronic health records (EHRs) lead to systematic upcoding and higher healthcare spending, a study in the July *Health Affairs* found that Medicare billing increased at the same rate hospitals with EHRs and hospitals still using paper.

But EHR expert Donald Simborg, MD, says in a Kaiser Health News/National Public Radio analysis that EHR use needs to be studied in emergency departments and clinics, where, he says, doctors are "just now getting digital record keeping tools, which sometimes prompt them to over-document," and that regulators focus on the software industry. [Read the analysis at Kaiser Health News](#) (includes a link to the study).

PREDICTION: INCREASING RISK OF CYBER ATTACK IN HEALTHCARE

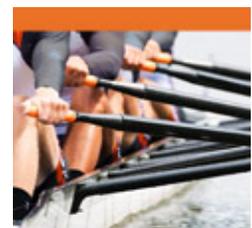
In a recent *Politico* article, healthcare security experts warn that a data breach on the scale of the retailer Target's last year is inevitable. The critics also say that providers are overly focused "on privacy and confidentiality rather than data terrorists."

Robert Wah, MD, president of the American Medical Association and chief medical officer at the health technology firm CSC, says that thieves are willing to pay \$500 for a health record on the black market, compared to \$1 for a social security or credit card number. "They're seeking health records," Wah says, "because they can do huge financial, fraudulent damage." [Read more at](#)



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The **consolidated clinical document architecture (C-CDA)**

[the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

AHIMA SYMPOSIUM OFFERS TOOLS FOR A CHANGING INDUSTRY

Those who will lead the healthcare industry through current changes will be able to plan for both project management and change management, know what needs to get done, and address the concerns of those most affected by change. These were some of the messages delivered by keynote speaker Paul Van Dolah, president of Van Dolah & Associates Consulting Services, at last week's 2014 AHIMA Leadership Symposium in Chicago, IL.

Over 200 AHIMA committee and council chairs, state and local component state association board members, and delegates attended the meeting to discuss strategic planning, environmental scanning, leadership development, and the future of healthcare. [Access Symposium handouts and other materials in Engage.](#)

DESALVO RESTRUCTURES ADVISORY WORKGROUPS

Last week, National Coordinator Karen DeSalvo, MD, announced details of a plan to reorganize and consolidate the advisory Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC)'s 15 workgroups and subcommittees into six new workgroups. These details follow DeSalvo's announcement of ONC restructuring in May and reorganization of the workgroup structure in April, as American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding ends. The new groups are:

- HIT Strategy and Innovation
- Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use
- HIT Implementation, Usability and Safety
- Interoperability and Health Information Exchange
- Consumer Perspective and Engagement
- Privacy and Security

A list of the [eliminated groups](#) is at HealthIT.gov.

2014 CSA CORE SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS

The Component State Association (CSA) Core Service Achievement recipients were announced last week during the 2014 AHIMA Leadership Symposium in Chicago, IL. The Achievements recognize excellence in CSA efforts as well as showcase those efforts in order to provide state associations with information and ideas they can apply in their own state. Profiles of the [winning programs](#) are posted in Engage. This year's recipients are:

Advocacy and Influence

First Place – Oklahoma HIMA
Second Place – Florida HIMA
Third Place – Missouri HIMA

Continuing Education Programs Relating to Coding (ICD-10 Preparation)

First Place – Pennsylvania HIMA
Second Place – Ohio HIMA
Third Place – Missouri HIMA

standard is one method that could help ensure patient information is safely transmitted to the appropriate parties. Potential benefits include improved communication among physicians, increased interoperability between healthcare systems, and attestation to "meaningful use" EHR Incentive Program standards.

Read more in the August [Journal of AHIMA](#) (log in with your AHIMA ID and password).



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Thanks to all CSAs that submitted nominations this year. In 2015, the CSA Core Service Achievements will become the [CSA Strategic Initiative Achievements](#).

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The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) seeks highly qualified nominees for consideration and potential appointment to CCHIIM as at-large commissioners. [Learn how to apply](#). If you have questions, please contact heather.rich@ahima.org.



GET READY TO VOTE IN THE 2014 AHIMA ELECTION



Get ready to vote August 4-18 for the 2015 association leadership and commissioner positions at ivote.ahima.org. The [candidates and their position statements](#) are listed on Engage and will be available to answer questions AHIMA Membership and Business Engage Community July 21-August 1.

APPLY FOR THE 2014 STUDENT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The AHIMA Foundation's annual [merit scholarship](#) is open now. This scholarship benefits outstanding HIM and HIT undergraduates, as well as professionals pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in areas related to health information. Apply by September 30.



GIVING BACK TO THE FUTURE



The AHIMA Foundation thanks attendees of last week's Leadership and Symposium in Chicago, IL. You demonstrated the impact of individual donations on the future of the HIM industry by generously donating over \$3,055. Thanks also go to Cassi Birnbaum, MS, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA, who donated a Michael Kors tote bag to the contributor drawing. [Learn how to support](#) the AHIMA Foundation.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



[CDI Summit: Leading the Documentation Journey](#)

**August 4–5
Washington, DC**

*Pre-registration savings extended.
Register by July 21 and save \$100.*

This summit offers keynote addresses from nationally recognized industry experts; a range of presentations on best practices, innovation, implementation, information governance, and ICD-10-CM/PCS; interactive sessions that showcase real world examples, advance networking opportunities, and provide critical insights to move CDI programs forward. Premier sponsor: 3M; Supporting sponsors: ACDIS, Huff DRG Review, Optum360, Precyse; With support from: CRS

WEBINARS



Complimentary Webinar:

August 14, 2 p.m. CT

[Results and Implications of the First Survey of Information Governance Practices in Healthcare](#)

Conducted by Deborah Green, MBA, RHIA, AHIMA's EVP and COO and leader of information governance (IG) initiatives, this webinar will feature a summary of findings from the first benchmarking survey on the state of IG practices in healthcare, key recommendations based on analysis of results, and a summary of key components of the IG work plan that are completed, underway, and planned for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015.

[AHIMA's 86th Convention and Exhibit](#)
September 27–October 2
San Diego, CA

Register by August 4 for early bird savings.

Great keynote speakers await you at AHIMA 2014. Don't miss the opportunity to learn and be inspired by thought-provoking presentations from leaders in the healthcare industry from government, provider, consulting and entrepreneurial settings. [Learn about our keynote speakers.](#)

[Annual Clinical Coding Meeting](#)
September 27-28
San Diego, CA

Register by August 4 and save \$100

Essential information for all stakeholders in the coding industry: Delve into emerging industry issues and critical topics, and gather vital insight from cutting-edge speakers as they address the changing environment related to ICD-10 and other initiatives driving healthcare.

Upcoming Exam Prep Workshops:

[Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security \(CHPS\)](#): July 21–23, Philadelphia, PA

[Certified Health Data Analyst \(CHDA\)](#): July 26–27, Chicago, IL

[Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner \(CDIP\)](#): August 6–7 Washington, DC (following the [CDI Summit](#))

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Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations

Webinars start at 1 p.m. ET and last 60 minutes.

July 22

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Release and Replacement](#)

July 24

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Extirpation and Dilution](#)

July 29

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Resection and Reposition](#)

July 31

[Mental Gymnastics with Select Root Operations from the Administration & Imaging Sections of PCS](#)

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