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## THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

### OCR DELAYS SECOND ROUND OF AUDITS

*Healthcare Info Security* and others are reporting the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced at a Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) privacy and security forum in Boston this week that the next round of HIPAA audits will be delayed while OCR completes a Web portal where organizations being audited can submit data. Linda Sanches, an OCR senior adviser, also said in the presentation that the next phase of audits will be handled on site-more often, with fewer remote "desk audits." [Read the Healthcare Info Security article.](#)



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### NEW EHR CERTIFICATION RULE PUBLISHED TODAY

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) will not finalize a proposed rule from the spring that would adopt criteria for an optional 2015 Edition of electronic health records (EHR) meaningful use certification, and has instead published a final rule today that scales back some of 2014 edition of certification criteria. ONC will adopt "a small subset" of its original proposals "as optional 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria," and has renamed it "2014 Edition Release 2." The final rule also includes revisions to 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria "that provide flexibility, clarity, and enhance health information exchange." The 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria include ten optional and two revised certification criteria. The [final rule](#) is available in the *Federal Register*. Or [read analysis at the Health Data Management website.](#)



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### AHIMA CONVENTION SESSIONS WILL EMPHASIZE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

AHIMA's 86th Convention & Exhibit, September 27-October 2 in San Diego, CA, will explore why information governance (IG) should be a priority for healthcare organizations. Beginning at Monday's Executive Session educational track, Barclay T. Blair, founder and executive director of think tank the Information Governance Initiative, will address the state of IG in healthcare and share lessons from organizations with the most successful IG programs. Tuesday will include an overview of AHIMA's IG Framework during General Session, followed by the IG educational track. Thursday's tutorial, Positioning

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Your Organization for Successful Information Governance, will help you assess organizational readiness and find ideas on where to start.

Look for select session previews at the [Journal of AHIMA website](#) starting September 17. You can also [register for Convention or browse the schedule](#) at AHIMA's website.

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### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AHIMA WORKFORCE STUDY

AHIMA's has opened a new workforce study, "HIM Without Walls," to the industry public, including information and informatics management (HIIM) professionals, educators, and employers, in an effort to help to validate information uncovered in the initial stages of research. The study, which kicked off earlier this summer, aims to determine the future knowledge and skills needed by HIIM professionals in 10 to 20 years. The study will be used to help ensure AHIMA and its members stay on track and continue to move into the jobs of the near future.

[Participate in the study.](#) Or learn more at the [Journal of AHIMA](#) website.

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### TAKE PART IN NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 15-19

AHIMA will participate in the ninth annual National Health Information Technology (IT) Week, September 15-19, an opportunity for healthcare stakeholders to rally around the benefits health IT brings to US healthcare. AHIMA is participating by focusing on information governance (IG) as a path to the best use of health IT.

Tuesday, September 16 at noon CT, AHIMA will offer a free webinar, Results of the First Benchmarking Survey on Information Governance in Healthcare, on findings from AHIMA's [benchmarking survey](#) on the state of IG practices in healthcare, key recommendations, and details on AHIMA's IG work plan.

[Register for the webinar](#) or [learn more about IG.](#)

You can also learn more about [National Health IT Week.](#)

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### GET INVOLVED

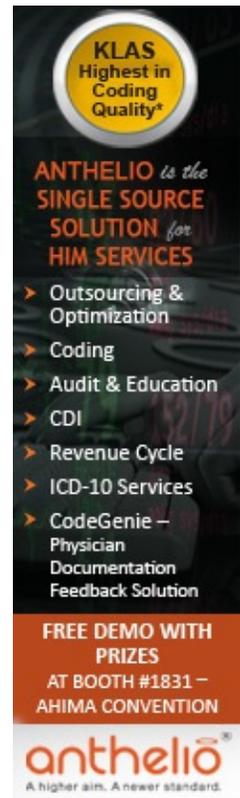
#### GET ICD-10 TALKING POINTS



Register for [ICD-10 Talking Points for Legislators & Staff](#), September 17 at noon ET, a free webinar by AHIMA's Policy and Government Relations office in Washington, DC. Learn how to construct a dialogue and talking points to discuss ICD-10 with legislators and their staff.

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### DOWNLOAD THE ENGAGE MOBILE APP - LAST CHANCE TO WIN



David Muntz, CHCIO, FCHIME, LCHIME, FHIMSS, previously served as the **Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)**'s first principal deputy director, from 2012-2013, and is now AHIMA's first Board of Directors advisor.

Learn more about David Muntz at the [Journal of AHIMA](#) website.



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## CONVENTION APP NOW AVAILABLE TO REGISTERED ATTENDEES



Already registered for Convention? Download the [Convention app](#) with your mobile device before September 26 and be entered into a contest for the chance to win a gift card. After download, enter the e-mail address you used to register for Convention and password AHIMA14 to complete setup. Find full [instructions](#) at our website under "Convention App."

During Convention, be sure to stop by the Appy Hour event on Monday, September 29, 3-4 p.m., in the AHIMA Booth. If you have an AHIMA app on your device or download one during the event, you will be entered to win a new iPad Mini.

## NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

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## ARE YOU ATTENDING STUDENT ACADEMY?



Students attending Convention get free access to the can't-miss Student Academy on Sunday, September 28 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Learn about certifications and advancing your education, hear career advice from seasoned professionals, and discover all the HIM profession has to offer. RSVP to [jessica.heraty@ahima.org](mailto:jessica.heraty@ahima.org).



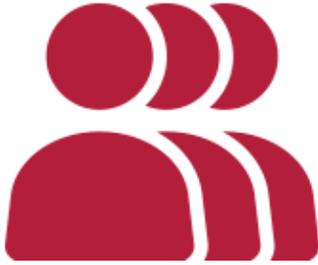
## JOIN US AT THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SESSION



If you are attending [AHIMA's Annual Convention and Exhibit](#) in San Diego, CA, plan to join us Tuesday, September 30, from 3:15-4:15 p.m., for the Volunteer Opportunity Session. Get an introduction to the appointed and elected opportunities available at the national level, submit a nomination form, meet current and former Board members, and more.

## EDUCATION & NETWORKING

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### **AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS**

[November 17-19](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

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### **AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM Only**

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## WEBINARS



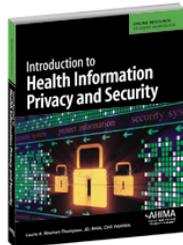
*Webinars start at 1 p.m. ET and last 60 minutes.*

**September 23**

[Keeping Compliant: HIPAA, the Omnibus Rule, and Data Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security](#)

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### **FROM AHIMA PRESS**



[Introduction to Health Information Privacy and Security](#)

By Laurie A. Rinehart-Thompson, JD, RHIA, CHP, FAHIMA

This text provides an overview of health information privacy and security, outlining the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules, as well as other laws and organizations that regulate health information. It outlines the basic concepts related to HIPAA, and it introduces themes such as threat identification, data security mechanisms, and business continuity.

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