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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

HOW SHOULD WE STAFF HIEs?

A new study by AHIMA and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), "Trends in HI Organizational Staffing/Part 2: A Deeper Look at Staffing Challenges," looks at roles in health information exchange organizations—connectivity, data integrity, and data integration—that were identified in a 2014 survey as difficult to fill and maintain. The report looks at representative job titles, educational requirements, experience, and may serve as a guide to both hiring managers and potential candidates. Among the findings were that these roles appear to earn more than they did in 2012 and that HIOs primarily recruit through referrals, industry conferences, and events.

Read analysis at the HIMSS Blog, or access the survey directly.

NEW RESOURCE TO HELP EDUCATE PHYSICIANS ON ICD-10

A new resource from AHIMA, "Setting the Facts Straight About ICD-10: What Physicians Need to Know About the Transition," aims to address physicians' concerns about the transition to ICD-10. The fact sheet, designed to be shared with physicians in members' organizations as well as used in ICD-10 educational programs aimed at physicians, explains the background on the development and adoption of ICD-10-CM/PCS, and covers the value of ICD-10-CM's adoption, the number of ICD-10-CM codes, training for physicians, the impact on documentation, and how to handle claims that span the compliance date. It also includes links to transition resources.

Download "Setting the Facts Straight About ICD-10."

SURVEY: ORGANIZATIONS SEE BENEFITS OF ICD-10, ARE GETTING READY FOR TESTING

Healthcare organizations are increasingly recognizing the long-term benefits of ICD-10, according to a report released on Tuesday, "2014 ICD-10 Readiness Survey Results," on a survey by AHIMA and the eHealth Initiative. Respondents to the survey said they believe ICD-10 will make managing population health and conducting clinical, health services, or translational research easier, and that ICD-10 will ultimately improve the accuracy of

claims, quality of care, and patient safety. On the subject of end-to-end testing, 65 percent indicated they could begin prior to October 2015, while 63 percent of those said they would be ready for testing by the end of 2014.

Read more at the *Journal of AHIMA* website or download the report.

LAWMAKERS RECEIVE THOUSANDS OF TWEETS DURING #ICD-10MATTERS RALLY

Thank you for participating in last week's Twitter Rally on October 30. More than 4,000 tweets using hashtag #ICD10Matters were sent to Congressional leadership in two hours. Read the rally transcript.

You can keep the message going. Use the "Using Social Media for Advocacy" on-demand webinar and slides to learn how to use Twitter as an advocacy tool.

ICD-10 WENT TO WASHINGTON - VIDEO FROM THE BRIEFING

Following up on the September 23 ICD-10 briefing on Capitol Hill, hosted by the ICD-10 Coalition, the Coalition has made video of the presentations at the briefing available at its website. Speakers included Sue Bowman, MJ, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA, AHIMA's senior director of coding policy and compliance, who presented on the current status of ICD-10.

View the presentation videos.

AHIMA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY

The AHIMA Foundation has developed an ambitious vision for the future with the goal of enhancing its educational and scholarship offerings, developing curricula for new audiences, and establishing new platforms for research. The next step in the process is a strategic planning study launched with CCS, a professional fundraising consulting firm, to gather advice and opinions. AHIMA members are invited and encouraged to participate in this survey.

GET INVOLVED

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT FOR AHIMA'S 2015 CONVENTION

Don't miss out. Abstracts are due December 1 for AHIMA's 87th Convention & Exhibit, September 26–30, 2015, in New Orleans, LA. Submit your proposal for educational tracks and panels, pre-convention tutorials, poster sessions, and the Clinical Coding Meeting.

TELL US WHAT AHIMA MEMBERSHIP MEANS TO YOU

On Monday, November 10, begin next week's

worth your while. Use the Engage site's networking, sharing, and discussion features enough and you might earn a chance to win a $75 prize. Throughout the month of November, AHIMA is charting the most active users on the site. The top five will each receive a $75 discount off any AHIMA product in the AHIMA online store. Visit engage.ahima.org to start talking.

And don't forget, you can visit Engage with the mobile app. Scan the QR code below, or visit iTunes or the Google Play store, to download.

EVENTS ON THE 'ROAD TO 10'

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is offering free live, regional events to help physicians, clinicians, healthcare professionals, office managers, billing managers, and coders—particularly those working in smaller offices and rural areas—plan and prepare for the October 2015 transition to ICD-10.

AHIMA supports these events and invites you to view the schedule for your part of the country and share it with the small physician groups in your

Member Appreciation Week by entering the "What My AHIMA Membership Means to Me" video contest. Send your video to memberweek@ahima.org. The top entry will win a free membership renewal. For questions, e-mail erin.duvic@ahima.org.

area. *Note: AHIMA-certified professionals who attend are eligible to self-report attendance for one CEU.*

MEDIA TRAINING FOR ICD-10 ADVOCATES

Register for the "Media Training: Advocate for ICD-10 Implementation" webinar next Wednesday, November 12, at 1 p.m. ET, and learn best practices and strategies for promoting ICD-10 implementation in the media. This webinar is free to members.

Information spread through **mobile health (mHealth)** technology is credited with helping to end the transmission of Ebola in Nigeria. Specifically, an Android app was used by health workers monitoring suspected cases to report the onset of symptoms almost in real time—a process that is critical to containment, but previously took 12 hours.

Read more at Bloomberg.com.

REGISTER NOW FOR AHIMA's VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Get connected in real time with employers seeking to recruit top talent at the AHIMA Career Assist Virtual Career Fair on December 4, 1-4 p.m. ET. Share your background, experience, resume, and ask questions in one-on-one chats with recruiters at the organizations that interest you. Register now for free.

BECOME AN AHIMA FELLOW

Fellows of AHIMA are members who have earned recognition for their significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Don't miss your chance to become a FAHIMA in 2014—the last application deadline for this year is December 5. Learn more and apply.

NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

Health Information Technician
Placerville, CA

Remote Inpatient Coder
Framingham, MA (remote)

REMOTE OUTPATIENT CODING COMPLIANCE AUDITOR
Northeast

Inpatient Coding Specialist - Remote
Alabama

Regional Manager of Outpatient Coding
Framingham, Framingham/Worcester

PARTICIPATE IN THE FOUNDATION'S 'FUTURE PLANS' STUDY

HIM leaders in acute care hospitals, integrated delivery systems, or academic medical centers, please participate in the "HIM Future Plans" study, conducted by AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation with KLAS. The study aims to help healthcare professionals become better informed about the industry and make the best decisions possible for their organizations. Participants will receive a complimentary copy.

View more available

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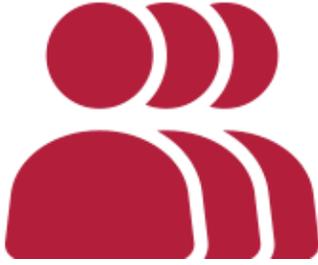
Register for the last **AHIMA Academies for ICD-10-CM/PCS** in 2014

November 17–19
Chicago, IL

December 1–3
Las Vegas, NV

December 2–4
Orlando, FL

Take your skills and competency to the next level. AHIMA's three-day, hands-on **Advanced ICD-10-PCS Skills Workshops** are designed for individuals who have had basic ICD-10-PCS education, allowing attendees to enhance and refine their abilities. Workshops are instructor-led, using complex cases commonly encountered in an inpatient setting.

2014 Dates and Locations:

November 12-14
Chicago, IL

December 10-12
Orlando, FL

2015 dates and locations are coming soon. Check ahima.org/events.

Upcoming Exam Prep Workshop:

Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS)
December 1–3
Las Vegas, NV

UPCOMING WEBINARS

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

December 2
Analytics to Fuel Your ICD-10 Engine

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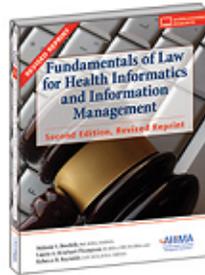
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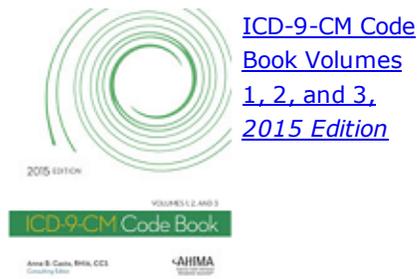
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