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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

RESULTS OUT FROM CMS'S NOVEMBER ICD-10 TESTING WEEK

Late last month the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reported an 87 percent acceptance rate during November's ICD-10 acknowledgement testing week. During the week, more than 500 providers, suppliers, billing companies, and clearinghouses submitted almost 13,700 claims. CMS verified that test claims had a valid diagnosis code matching the date of service, a valid National Provider Identifier, and an ICD-10 companion qualifier code to allow for processing of claims. Many testers intentionally included errors in their claims to make sure the claim would be rejected. [Read CMS's full report.](#)

CMS instructs providers to contact their [Medicare Administrative Contractor](#) for information on participating in future official acknowledgement testing weeks, March 2–6 and June 1–5. In addition to these testing weeks, providers may submit acknowledgement test claims any time before the October 1, 2015, implementation date.

ICD-10 CODING SCENARIOS AVAILABLE FOR PHYSICIANS

All physicians will be impacted when ICD-10 is implemented on October 1. While some consider the transition to be onerous, the new levels of specificity will allow physicians to capture meaningful information on patients and promote better patient care. In order to assist physicians in the transition, AHIMA has developed multiple unique resources. Access a listing of AHIMA's short, one-page [ICD-10-CM-related scenarios](#).

BROADCAST OF PATIENT'S DEATH LEADS TO LAWSUIT

An article co-published by ProPublica and the *New York Times* explores the implications of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) on reality TV. In recent years, some hospitals have turned to television to showcase their staff and facilities. The family of a man whose death in a New York City emergency department was broadcast on the TV show "NYMed" sued the TV network, the hospital, and the treating physician. Lawyers for the hospital and physician argued that HIPAA protects information after examination or treatment, but did not apply, since the TV crew shot their video during treatment.

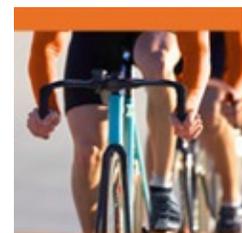
An appellate panel dismissed the case, but the family will appeal, saying if the broadcast wasn't against the law, it should be. [Read the article.](#)

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Are you preparing for the **Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) exam?**

SOLVING THE PATIENT MATCHING PROBLEM IN HIEs

A paper published recently in AHIMA's scholarly journal *Perspectives in Health Information Management* calls a "a nationwide patient data matching strategy that would ensure the accurate, timely, and efficient matching of patients with their healthcare data" across systems and settings "one of the largest unresolved issues" facing health information exchange (HIE). Without a standard data set, patient records may not be linked in the HIE, "defeating the purpose of the HIE." The paper suggests standardizing:

- Primary and secondary data elements
- The use of industry-recognized data definitions
- Elimination of free text, except for the name
- Separate data entry for data elements

[Read the full article.](#)

FORRESTER STUDY PROJECTS INCREASED SPENDING ON IG

A survey by Forrester Consulting, commissioned by data protection and governance firm Druva, of 205 information technology and legal professionals in the US and the UK, finds that information governance (IG) is becoming more crucial, as devices and data types grow. Of those surveyed, 53 percent expect to have a centralized model for IG within two years, compared to 25 percent with one today and 18 percent two years ago. The survey finds this need is largely due to increasing access to corporate data from workers' mobile and other devices. The survey also finds 89 percent of respondents expect to increase spending on information governance in the next two years.

[Access the report.](#)

NEW DIRECTORS JOIN AHIMA FOUNDATION BOARD FOR 2015

The AHIMA Foundation, the charitable arm of AHIMA, welcomes the 2015 Chair, Chair-elect and new members of the AHIMA Foundation Board of Directors.

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- [Alice Noblin](#), PhD, RHIA, CCS, assistant professor and health informatics and information management undergraduate program director, University of Central Florida
- [Vera Rulon](#), MS, RHIT, FAHIMA, FACMImimi, director of strategic communications, external medical communications, Pfizer, Inc.

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- [Charlie Saponaro](#), president and CEO, Medical Record Associates

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Proposals due January 23

[Assembly on Education Symposium and Faculty Development Institute](#)

July 18–22, Austin, TX

Proposals due January 23

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volunteers to serve in 2016. Opportunities for [elected positions](#) include AHIMA Board of Directors, CCHIIM Commissioners, and Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. Applications are due March 31. Before you apply, assess your leadership skills and abilities with the [Volunteer Leadership Competencies Self-Assessment](#) tool.



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Chicago, IL

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March 31–April 1
Las Vegas, NV

AHIMA's **Advanced ICD-10-PCS Skills Workshops** are designed for those who already have ICD-10-PCS coding experience, providing three days of in-depth, hands-on training in the ICD-10-PCS coding system and its application.

Register now:

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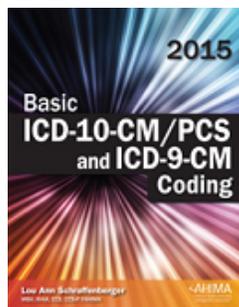


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A new three-part, interactive online course by AHIMA and TeachPrivacy demystifies HIPAA—one of the most vast, complex, and difficult to understand regulations. Learn about HIPAA's key components, how the parts of the regulation work together, and how HIPAA applies to various situations, all in easy-to-comprehend terms.

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By Lou Ann Schraffenberger, MBA,

RHIA, CSS, CCS-P, FAHIMA

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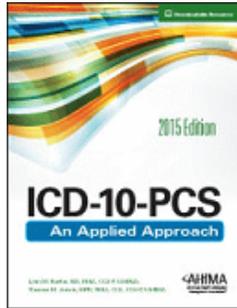
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