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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

ICD-10 END-TO-END TESTING APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline to apply to participate in end-to-end ICD-10-CM/PCS testing with the government has been extended to January 21, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced this week. Testing is scheduled for April 26-May 1. Forms are available on [Medicare Administrative Contractors'](#) websites. MACs and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor will notify the approximately 850 selected volunteers by February 13. An additional opportunity for end-to-end testing will be available during the week of July 20-24. [Read the press release.](#)

FLEX-IT ACT RE-AIMS AT SHORTENING MU REPORTING PERIOD

Lawmakers are moving to shorten the Meaningful Use (MU) attestation period in 2015, from 365 to 90 days, by reintroducing HR 270, the Flexibility in Health IT Reporting (FLEX-IT) Act. The bill is co-sponsored by Representatives Renee Ellmers, (R-NC), Ron Kind (D-WI), David Scott (D-GA), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Glenn Thompson (R-PA); it was originally introduced in September 2014, but didn't pass before the end of the 113th Congressional session. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means. Several industry groups have publically supported the new version of the bill. [Read the full text of the bill.](#)

AMERICANS WORRY ABOUT SHARING MEDICAL INFORMATION

A little more than half of the respondents to a recent poll by National Public Radio and Truven Analytics Health said they would be willing to anonymously share the information in their medical record with researchers. The older they were respondents were, the less comfortable they were sharing their information, with only 42 percent of those in the 62-79 age range willing to share their information. Respondents were most likely to be willing to share their information with governance research, and least likely to want to share it with drug or pharmaceutical researchers. [Access the survey results.](#)

AHIMA STANDARDS EXPERT TO SPEAK AT eHEALTH INITIATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

AHIMA Senior Director of Standards Anna Orlova, PhD, will be part at the [eHealth Initiative Annual Conference](#), February 3-5 in Washington, DC. AHIMA members receive the early-bird rate of \$625 when you [register](#) with the discount code **AHIMADiscount**. (Look for the discount option on the last page of registration process; this offer expires January 30).



Due next Friday, January 23: Abstracts for AHIMA's [Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Health IT Summit](#) and the [Assembly on Education Symposium and Faculty Development Institute](#).

View all [open calls](#) for abstracts.

ICD-10 CODING SCENARIOS FOR PHYSICIANS

While the coming transition to ICD-10 on October 1 seems burdensome to some physicians, the new levels of specificity will allow physicians to capture meaningful information on patients and promote better patient care. AHIMA has developed unique resources to assist physicians in the transition. Access our short one-page [ICD-10-CM-related scenarios](#).

READ THE WINTER 2015 PHIM

The [latest issue](#) of *Perspectives in Health*

CONGRATULATIONS, ENGAGE CONTEST WINNERS

AHIMA congratulates the following members, who were the most active users on AHIMA's Engage Online Communities during AHIMA's contest in the month of November:

- Mary F. Acheson-Summers, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P
- Jamie L Anderson, RHIT, CHTS-IM
- Lindsey Asmus, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, CCDS
- Tonette A Friskics
- Lauren Pitts, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P

Asmus says she values the Engage communities as a place where "HIM professionals can consistently provide improved service to patients by communicating with other professionals globally and sharing ideas."

You can talk with Asmus and all the other winners any time on [Engage](#).

IHE NA Connectathon 2015 Conference
Save the Date! Jan 28, 2015



AHIMA supports the advancement of interoperability for quality healthcare, and is pleased to be a [partner](#) for the **IHE North American Connectathon 2015**. [Learn more and register](#).

GET INVOLVED

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE – CALLS FOR SPEAKERS

AHIMA invites you to submit a proposal to speak at our 2015 events. Calls for speakers are open for the following meetings:



[Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Health IT Summit](#)

June 21–23, 2015, Baltimore, MD

Proposals due next Friday, January 23

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

July 18–22, 2015, Austin, TX

Proposals due next Friday, January 23

[Data Summit: Beyond ICD-10](#)

July 13–14, 2015, Baltimore, MD

Proposals due February 2

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

August 6–7, Alexandria, VA

Proposals due February 9

Information Management (PHIM) features an evaluation of a new personal health information-removal tool; an exploratory study on data required for electronic health record inclusion; study results on older adult's perceptions of e-prescribing; and research on the realities of electronic health record adoption.

Interested in being a contributor? Learn about [submission guidelines](#).



A recent report by the **Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)** asks whether a "secure subscriber identity token" could reduce medical identity theft, improve privacy, combat fraud, and improve patient safety.

Read "[Secure Patient Identification - Feasibility of a Security Role for Subscriber ID Cards](#)."



Help us bring you the news and information you need. Is there a current topic in HIM you hope we'll cover in an upcoming [AHIMA newsletter](#)? Tell us about it. [Send an e-mail](#) with your suggestion, and you'll be entered into a quarterly drawing for a

[Information Governance: The Value Proposition](#), a thought leadership summit exploring new and innovative ways to gain maximum value from health data and information through information governance
November 12-13, 2015, Chicago, IL

Proposals due March 15

[The Privacy and Security Institute](#), celebrating its ninth year
September 26-27, 2015, New Orleans, LA

Proposals due March 16

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN DC



Join AHIMA for the 2015 Leadership and Advocacy Symposium, March 23, and Hill Day, March 24, in Washington, DC. Submit your [online registration form and your hotel reservation](#) by February 16. Don't delay. This event is first come, first served, with limited seating. You must register for each meeting separately. Webinars held before Hill Day will familiarize members with current legislative initiatives. Questions? E-mail nia.bailey@ahima.org.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR



[Submit your nomination](#) by May 1 for the 2015 Council for Excellence in Education "Making Dreams Come True" Distinguished Educator Award. The winner will get a complimentary registration for the Assembly on Education Symposium, July 20-22, in Austin, TX, where they will receive the award.

VOLUNTEER FOR AN AHIMA ELECTED POSITION IN 2016



It's official. AHIMA is on the hunt for the next great 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.

REGISTER FOR THE AHIMA FOUNDATION'S STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



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[Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner \(CDIP\) Exam Prep Workshop](#)

March 16–17
Chicago, IL

[Certified Health Data Analyst \(CHDA\) Exam Prep Workshop](#)

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 and provide three-days of in-depth hands-on training of the ICD-10-PCS coding system and its application.

For a complete list of dates and locations, visit ahima.org/events.

AHIMA's **Coder Academy for ICD-**

ONLINE EDUCATION



Upcoming Webinars:

[How a Mock Audit Can Identify Gaps in Preparedness](#)

February 12

[Preparing Your Organization for Round Two: Tips for Surviving Privacy and Security Desk Audits](#)

February 19

New Online Course Makes HIPAA Easy To Understand

If you have questions about HIPAA or face challenges implementing the newest regulations, AHIMA and Teach Privacy's interactive, online, three-part HIPAA Privacy and Security course is for you. These courses make HIPAA regulations easy to comprehend and explain how HIPAA applies to various situations. Access each course for eight weeks. Eligible for one CEU. No pre-requisite or required materials.

[Learn more.](#)

AHIMA PRESS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PUBLICATIONS

[Strategies for Electronic](#)



NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

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[MANAGER OF CODING](#)

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View [more](#) available positions.



10-CM/PCS is a dynamic, in-person training program providing expert instruction and hands-on exposure to coding exercises and ICD-10 coding proficiency.

Register now:

[March 30–April 1
Las Vegas, NV](#)

[April 22–24
Denver, CO](#)

[May 27–29
Columbus, OH](#)

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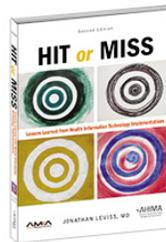
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