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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

CMS HEAD MARILYN TAVENNER STEPPING DOWN

Last Friday, Marilyn Tavenner, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), announced she will be leaving the agency at the end of February. [Andrew Slavitt](#), the current principal deputy administrator at CMS, will assume her role in the interim until the US Senate confirms a replacement.

While many Americans know Tavenner for her handling of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation, during her tenure at CMS Tavenner led the agency through its management of ICD-10/CM-PCS implementation efforts, for which CMS has been a strong proponent.

[Read Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell e-mailed announcement to staff](#), obtained by *FierceHealthPayer*.

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS CALLS ATTENTION TO APPRENTICESHIPS

During Tuesday night's State of the Union address, President Obama applauded a job-training program established by Vice President Joe Biden "connecting community colleges with local employers to train workers to fill high-paying jobs like coding, and nursing, and robotics."

As part of these efforts to transform apprenticeships for the 21st century, and in order to bring to light at the national level the need to build apprenticeship programs in healthcare for the first time, AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation collaborated last July with the National Network of Business and Industry Associations (the National Network). This resulted in "Learning While Working," a model for employers who want to create apprenticeship programs.

Currently, the AHIMA Foundation is applying for a US Department of Labor "American Apprenticeship Initiative" grant in order to expand AHIMA's National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards. [Learn how you can support apprenticeship roles at the Foundation website.](#)

REPORT: IG ROLES ALSO EMERGING IN LAW INDUSTRY

Like health information management (HIM) professionals, legal information management professionals are seeing job roles transform as records go digital and information governance (IG) programs expand their responsibilities and use of data. That means that the healthcare industry isn't the only business area eyeing IG for future information management roles; IG programs and roles are also starting to catch on in the legal field, according to an article in



Abstract proposals are due **tomorrow, Friday, January 23**, for the [Assembly on Education Symposium and Faculty Development Institute](#)

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



A survey by the **American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)** finds that financial challenges are hospital **chief executive officers' (CEOs)** top concerns. Sixty-nine percent ranked "Medicaid Reimbursement" as their top financial concern.

Access the full [survey results](#).

ICD-10 CODING SCENARIOS FOR PHYSICIANS

While some physicians see the coming transition to ICD-10 on October 1 as burdensome, the new levels of specificity will

Law Technology News discussed last week on the *Journal of AHIMA* website.

The article's authors say that, "an effective IG program transcends traditional records and information management to include compliance requirements, security, privacy, and data flow of all firm assets." [Learn more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

PAPER AIMS TO IMPROVE EHR CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

A policy paper by the American College of Physicians published online this month in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* is aimed at improving clinical documentation in electronic health records (EHRs). Addressing concerns about inaccurate or fraudulent documentation, and providers' overall dissatisfaction with EHR documentation, the paper outlines several recommendations, including:

- Supporting patient care and improving clinical outcomes through enhanced communication should be the primary purpose of clinical documentation
- Providers should define standards for clinical documentation practices
- Further research should be undertaken to identify best practices, develop automated tools, improve medical education, and determine how to disseminate best practices for clinical documentation

The authors also offer five recommendations for EHR system design. [Access the paper.](#)

REPORT EXPLORES GROWTH OF THE CDIS ROLE

A recent study by the AHIMA Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AHIMA, suggests that recognizing and embracing the expanding role of the Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist (CDIS) within the field of HIM will be vital for the growth and continuance of the field. The study, "Clinical Documentation Improvement Job Description Summative Report," provides a descriptive picture of the CDIS role and explores its growth in the healthcare industry. [Download the report.](#)

CEE, FOUNDATION WELCOME NEW CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council for Excellence in Education (CEE) and the AHIMA Foundation welcome the 2015 CEE Chair, Chair-elect and new Council members to the CEE:

Chair - [Ryan Sandefer, MA, CPHIT](#)

Chair-elect - [Michelle Millen, RHIT](#)

New Council members -

- [Linda Carl, EdD](#)
- [Roseann Webb, MNM, RHIA, LHRM, CHPS, FAHIMA](#)
- [Bonnie J. Wilkins, RHIA, MHIM](#)

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allow physicians to capture meaningful information on patients and promote better patient care. AHIMA has developed unique resources to assist physicians in the transition. Physicians can access our short one-page [ICD-10-CM-related scenarios.](#)



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RALLY ON TWITTER FOR #ICD10MATTERS



The 114th Congress convened this month, and many new legislators need to hear from you about the importance of ICD-10 implementation. Join us for an #ICD10Matters [Twitter](#) Rally on Wednesday, February 4, from noon-2 p.m. CT. [Twitter handles](#) for members of the 114th Congress are posted on Engage.

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:



[Assembly on Education Symposium and Faculty Development Institute](#)
July 18–22, Austin, TX
Proposals due tomorrow, Friday, January 23

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

June 21–23, Baltimore, MD
Due date extended to February 6

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

July 13–14, Baltimore, MD
Proposals due February 2

[2015 Clinical Documentation Improvement \(CDI\) Summit: Leading the Documentation Journey](#)

August 6–7, Alexandria, VA
Proposals due February 9

[Information Governance: The Value Proposition](#)

November 12–13, Chicago, IL
Proposals due March 15

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NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

[Manager, Health Information Management Data Integrity](#)
Pinehurst, NC

[PROFESSIONAL FEE](#)

[The Privacy and Security Institute](#), celebrating its ninth year
September 26–27, New Orleans, LA
Proposals due March 16

[CODING MANAGER](#)
New England

[Clinical Coding Specialist](#)
Pinehurst, NC

[Cancer Registrar](#)
Yuma, AZ

[Continuous Clinical
Documentation
Improvement Specialist
\(COI/CDI\)](#)
Meadowbrook, PA

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positions.

JOIN US FOR EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC



[Register now](#) for the 2015 Leadership & Advocacy Symposium, March 23, and Hill Day, March 24 in Washington, DC. (Note: two separate registrations required.) Don't delay— **online registration and hotel reservations close February 16**. These events first come, first served, with limited space. Look for announcements in *E-Alert* about upcoming webinars before Hill Day to familiarize members with current legislative initiatives. Questions? E-mail nia.bailey@ahima.org.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

UPCOMING WEBINARS



CDI Academy

April 22-24

Denver, CO

This comprehensive program includes an introductory webinar, publication, and three-day in-person meeting. Those already working in the clinical documentation improvement (CDI) field will receive about best practices, and those looking for a career change or enhancement will learn about possible paths. The Academy covers both inpatient and outpatient settings and is interactive, with real-life examples and exercises. (26 CEUs available.)

Resolve to advance your career this year by earning one of the industry's most respected credentials. AHIMA's **exam prep workshops** help you prepare to sit for the exams by reviewing the domains covered in each exam.

Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP) Exam Prep Workshop

[March 16-17](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

[June 4-5](#)

[Seattle, WA](#)

[August 4-5](#)

[Alexandria, VA](#)

CHDA (Certified Health Data Analyst) Exam Prep Workshop

[March 31-April 1](#)

[Las Vegas, NV](#)

[July 17-18](#)

[Austin, TX](#)

Webinars provide up-to-the-minute, comprehensive continuing education and professional growth. Member pricing starts at just \$125; pricing varies by format, and volume discounts are available. Registration covers as many attendees at your facility as you want to invite. Attendees earn two CEUs. [Learn more](#) or [access the full schedule](#) of available webinars.

Webinars last 60 minutes, beginning at noon CT.

January 22

[ICD-10 Readiness and Testing—Get Ready...Again](#)

February 3

[ICD-10-CM Coding for Inpatient Rehab Facilities](#)

February 5

[ICD-10-CM Coding: Symptoms, Signs, Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings](#)

February 10

[Deep Dive: Concepts, Root Operations and Body Systems in ICD-10-PCS Sections 1-5](#)

February 12

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

February 19

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

NEW FROM AHIMA PRESS

[ICD-10-CM Code Book, 2015 Draft](#)

[September 26-27](#)
[New Orleans, LA](#)

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-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.

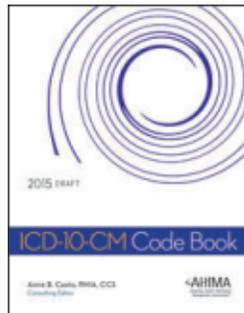
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[March 30-April 1](#)
[Las Vegas, NV](#)

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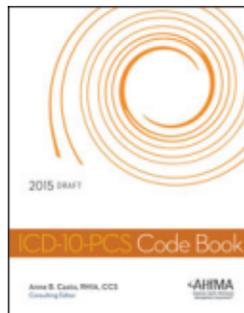
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[Columbus, OH](#)

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[Strategies for Electronic Document and Health Record Management](#)

By Darice Grzybowski, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA

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