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## THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

### HOUSE COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON ICD-10

Next week, the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on healthcare will hear testimony from stakeholders who both oppose and support implementing ICD-10 on October 1, 2015. The "Examining ICD-10 Implementation" hearing, set for February 11 at 10:15 a.m. ET, will be webcast live at [energycommerce.house.gov](http://energycommerce.house.gov). AHIMA staff will attend and monitor developments.

Historically, this subcommittee has played key roles in healthcare legislation and the ongoing debate over the Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) patch—which last year included language delaying ICD-10. Congress may vote on another patch in the coming weeks if a permanent fix is not enacted. [Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

### ONC RELEASES DRAFT HEALTH IT INTEROPERABILITY ROADMAP

The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has released a draft of its interoperability roadmap, "Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Version 1.0," which sets goals for the next three, six, and 10 years, and targets 2017 as the deadline for the majority of providers and individuals to be able "to send, receive, find and use a common set of electronic clinical information." In addition, the 2015 Interoperability Standards Advisory draft contains an initial version of standards and implementation specifications for interoperability. Comments on the [draft roadmap](#) may be submitted through April 3 and on the [standards advisory](#) through May 1.

### HHS OUTLINES VALUE-BASED MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) outlined its goals and timeline for shifting Medicare reimbursements for the first time from volume to value. According to a release, "HHS has set a goal of tying 30 percent of traditional, or fee-for-service, Medicare payments to quality or value through alternative payment models, such as Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) or bundled payment arrangements by the end of 2016, and tying 50 percent of payments to these models by the end of 2018," in addition to tying 85 percent of traditional Medicare payments to quality or value by 2016 and 90 percent by 2018. [Read the full release.](#)

### CMS INTENDS TO MODIFY MEANINGFUL USE REQUIREMENTS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Chief Medical Officer Patrick



February is Information Governance Month. Look for new infographics, a new webpage on [ahima.org](http://ahima.org), and much more. Also, be sure to attend:

- Our **Twitter chat on February 20**, at noon CT, using hashtag [#IGNow](#)

- "[Results and Implications of the First Survey of Information Governance Practices in Healthcare](#)," a **webinar on February 25 at noon CT**, conducted by Lydia Washington, MS, RHIA, and Lesley Kadlec MA, RHIA, both directors of HIM practice excellence at AHIMA

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Conway, MD, says the agency intends to update Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program requirements beginning in 2015. In response to industry concerns, the changes under consideration include: shortening the 2015 reporting period to 90 days, realigning hospital reporting periods to the calendar year, and modifying "other aspects of the programs to match long-term goals, reduce complexity, and lessen providers' reporting burden." The changes are intended to ease the "burden on providers, while supporting the long term goals of the programs." The new rule is expected this spring. [Read the full announcement at the CMS blog.](#)

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### UPCOMING CALL TO COVER ICD-10 TESTING

A February 26 MLN Connects National Provider Call from 1:30 to 3 p.m. ET will feature CMS subject matter experts discussing upcoming opportunities for ICD-10 acknowledgement and end-to-end testing and results from previous testing weeks, along with implementation issues and resources for providers. A question and answer session will follow the presentations. [Register for the call in advance.](#) Participants can review the [testing resources](#) prior to the call.

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### AHIMA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS TOP LIST

Two scholarships offered by the AHIMA Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AHIMA, top a recent list of "25 Great Scholarships for Health Information Management Majors" by the website Top Degrees Online. The Foundation's Student Merit Scholarship and Veteran's Scholarship programs, which both reflect AHIMA members' commitment to supporting HIM education through annual donations, were ranked first and second on the list respectively. [Read the article.](#)

You can learn more about how to help a promising student with a [donation to the Foundation](#). Last year, 104 students submitted scholarship applications to the Foundation for review; of 81 eligible applications, 56 qualified candidates received a total of \$89,000 in scholarships. The ongoing gap between qualified applicants and scholarships awarded indicates a need for even more support for these scholarship programs.

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### FEBRUARY ADVANTAGE AVAILABLE

Read the latest [online issue](#) of AHIMA's member newsletter, *AHIMA Advantage*. Learn about the latest on AHIMA's fight for ICD-10 implementation, the association's mentor program, and the 2014 Triumph Award winners. Don't forget, you can also read *Advantage* on the mobile app for [Apple](#), [Android](#), and [Amazon](#) devices.



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What if a "magic pill" could fix many of the problems facing healthcare today? The **National Patient Safety Foundation**



**Advocacy Symposium, March 23**, and **Hill Day, March 24**, in Washington, DC. [Register online \(separately for each event\) and book your hotel](#) by February 16. Don't delay—these events are first come, first served, with limited spaces.

If you're registered for Hill Day, make sure you're ready to advocate effectively by attending these free preparatory webinars:

- [February 25, 1 p.m. CT](#) - Hill Day: Introduction to Congress
- [March 5, noon CT](#) - First Issue Set: HIM and Patient Matching
- [March 10, noon CT](#) or [March 12, 11 a.m. CT](#) - Second Issue Set: ICD-10
- [March 17, 1 p.m. CT](#) - Hill Day: Using Social Media for Advocacy

Questions? E-mail [nia.bailey@ahima.org](mailto:nia.bailey@ahima.org).

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## 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, Baltimore, MD

**Proposals due tomorrow—  
Friday, February 6**

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

July 13–14, 2015, Baltimore, MD

**Proposals due February 9**

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

August 6–7, Alexandria, VA

**Proposals due February 9**

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[Information Governance: The Value Proposition, a Thought Leadership Summit from AHIMA](#)

November 12–13, 2015, Chicago, IL

**Proposals due March 15**

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[The Privacy and Security Institute](#), celebrating its ninth year

September 26–27, 2015, New Orleans, LA

**Proposals due March 16**

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(NPSF) has released a report saying transparency could be that magic pill. Unlike most other safety interventions that have been tried in healthcare, the authors say, transparency has consistently yielded better than expected results.

[Read the report's recommendations at the NPSF website.](#)



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Are you seeking new career opportunities? [Register](#) for AHIMA's Career Assist Virtual Career Fair, March 31, noon to 3 p.m. CT. Meet online with large, small, regional, and national employers. Engage directly with employers about their current and future HIM career opportunities. Chat one-on-one with employers while getting a snapshot of their profile, and follow up with your connections, all from your computer.

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## VOLUNTEER FOR AN AHIMA ELECTED POSITION



AHIMA is looking for volunteers to serve in 2016. You have a lot to offer, and you can do this—so why not apply today? Opportunities in [elected positions](#) include AHIMA Board of Directors, Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Commissioners, and Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. Apply through the [Application to Serve](#) by March 31.

## RECOGNIZE AN EDUCATOR'S CRITICAL ROLE



HIM educators play a critical role in HIM, providing the tools necessary to be successful in this rapidly changing and important field. [Submit your nomination](#) for the 2015 Council for Excellence in Education "Making Dreams Come True" Distinguished Educator Award by May 1.

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### ONLINE EDUCATION



**NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK**

[Director of HIM/RCM](#)  
Bakersfield, CA



If you work in clinical documentation improvement (CDI) or are looking to make a career change, the **AHIMA CDI Academy** is a must-attend. This interactive, comprehensive program covers both inpatient and outpatient settings and provides best practices, updates on new quality initiatives, external reporting requirements, payment types, coding guidelines, and answers to your CDI questions.

[April 22-24](#)  
[Denver, CO](#)

[June 10-12](#)  
[Ft. Lauderdale, FL](#)

[December 2-4](#)  
[Las Vegas, NV](#)



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Clinical Documentation Improvement Summit**

August 6-7  
Alexandria, VA

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 Workshops:**

[March 16-17](#)  
[Chicago, IL](#)

[June 4-5](#)  
[Seattle, WA](#)

[August 4-5](#)  
[Alexandria, VA](#)

**Upcoming Webinars:**

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](#)

February 24  
[CDI & ICD-10 Documentation Tips](#)

March 19  
[Using CDI Programs to Improve Quality Reporting](#)

March 31  
[Coding and Clinical Documentation Improvement with a Technology Backbone](#)

[Health Information Coder](#)  
Hyannis, MA

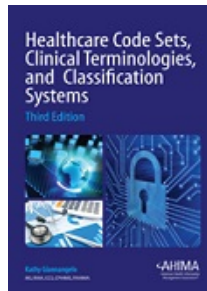
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By Kathy Giannangelo, MA, RHIA, CCS, CPHIMS, FAHIMA

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**PRODUCT NUMBER: AB201913**  
**ISBN: 9781584261049**



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

By Darice Grzybowski, MA, RHIA,



**Certified Health Data Analyst  
(CHDA) Exam Prep Workshops:**

[July 17-18](#)  
[Austin, TX](#)

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

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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](http://ahima.org/events).

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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.

Registration is open now for [multiple dates and locations](#).

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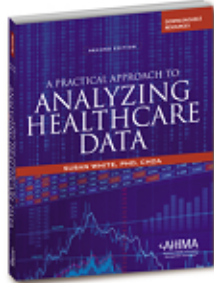
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[A Practical Approach to Analyzing Healthcare Data](#)

By Susan White, PhD, CHDA

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