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## THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

### ICD-10: OCTOBER 1, 2015, COMPLIANCE DATE; JULY TESTING CANCELLED

As reported in a [Special E-Alert](#) to AHIMA members last Thursday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced an interim final rule to be released soon that will set the new ICD-10-CM/PCS compliance date for October 1, 2015. The rule will also require HIPAA covered entities to use ICD-9-CM through September 30, 2015. [Read the Journal of AHIMA's full story.](#)

In addition, CMS has announced in a Medicare Learning Network newsletter that it has cancelled ICD-10 end-to-end testing between a sample group of providers, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor. The testing was originally planned for the week of July 21-25, 2014. CMS says additional testing opportunities will be available in 2015. [Read the announcement.](#)

### CMS REPORTS ON EHR HARDSHIP EXCEPTIONS

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs hardship exception deadline for eligible professionals to apply for 2013 reporting year–2015 payment adjustment year is July 1, just under two months away. A CMS official reported during this week's Health IT Policy Committee meeting that 600 eligible professionals have applied so far.

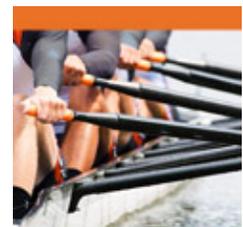
The deadline for hospitals passed on April 1. Out of 72 applications, 66 exceptions were granted and six were dismissed. [Health Data Management](#) reported that the dismissals were because hospitals "applied for this year when they didn't need to." For other totals and trends, [download the CMS update.](#)

### LANDMARK INFO GOVERNANCE SURVEY TO BE PRESENTED AT HEALTH DATAPALOOZA

Results of the first survey on information governance in healthcare, conducted earlier this year by AHIMA and Cohasset Associates, will be presented June 2 at Health Datapalooza in Washington, DC, by Deborah Green, MBA, MS, RHIA, AHIMA's executive vice president of operations and chief operating officer.

The fifth annual Health Datapalooza, June 1-3, gathers the latest thinking by startups, academics, and government agencies on the use of health data to improve patient outcomes. Speakers include Jonathan Bush,

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**RESOURCES FOR DISASTER PLANNING AND RECOVERY**

athenahealth co-founder; Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health; and Todd Park, US chief technology officer.

AHIMA members interested in [attending](#) can use the code AHIMAPalooza to receive 10 percent off registration.

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### AHIMA COMMENTS ON VOLUNTARY 2015 EHR CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

AHIMA has submitted comments to the Office of the National Coordinator regarding the Voluntary 2015 Edition Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification Criteria; Interoperability Updates and Regulatory Improvements.

AHIMA's comments address a range of topics in the February 26, 2014, proposed rule, including proposed standardized data to improve patient matching; whether a minimum or baseline set of actions that EHR technology must always be capable of should be established for the purposes of auditing; and several others. [Read AHIMA's comments at our website.](#)

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### MODERN HEALTHCARE 'MOST INFLUENTIAL' BALLOT INCLUDES AHIMA LEADER

AHIMA congratulates its chief executive officer, Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA, who is among the candidates on *Modern Healthcare's* annual "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" ballot. Voting opened this week and closes June 13.

AHIMA members are encouraged to take a moment to recognize Thomas Gordon's leadership and influence in advancing AHIMA and the HIM profession. [View the online ballot.](#) (Look up nominees in alphabetical order).

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## GET INVOLVED

### UPCOMING PUBLIC POLICY WEBINARS

**May 28:** [The Standards and Interoperability Framework](#), presented by Doug Fridsma, MD, PhD, chief science officer and director, Office of Science and Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



**June 11:** [Standards: AHIMA at Work for You](#), presented by Diana Warner, MS, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA, director of HIM practice excellence, AHIMA; and Lisa Spellman, MBA, CPHIMS, administrator, US TAG for ISO/TC 215 Health Informatics

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### ATTENTION, STUDENTS



You have until May 30 to enter AHIMA's [student](#)

Recent tornadoes and flooding in the US South and Midwest have once again brought issues around disaster planning and recovery to the forefront. Log in to the HIM Body of Knowledge to download AHIMA's free [Disaster Planning and Recovery Toolkit](#).



The AHIMA Foundation's **Council for Excellence in Education (CEE)** is a 12-member group working to guide HIM education and the workforce forward. The CEE helped rebuild the HIM curricula to make sure students leave school with the skills for emerging roles, and has contributed to AHIMA's HIM Career Map and Reality 2016.

Read more in the *Journal of AHIMA* May cover story, ["Adapt or Disappear."](#)

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### FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 30

Fellows of AHIMA are members who have earned recognition for their significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Don't miss out. [Apply to become a FAHIMA](#) by May 30.





You have until May 30 to enter AHIMA's [student bulletin board contest](#). Show the importance of one or all of AHIMA's strategic pillars (Leadership, Innovation, Informatics, Public Good, and Information Governance). You could win \$500 or five registrations to AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit in September.



Good news for mobile Engage users: The Engage app now offers access to articles, videos, PowerPoints, practice briefs, and more through community libraries. Don't have the app? Scan the QR code below, visit [iTunes](#), or the [Google Play](#) store.

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## 2014 LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



July 11-12 at the Westin Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, AHIMA and CSA leaders as well as delegates will be engaged in strategic direction, envisioning the future, and honing HIM focus. The symposium includes interactive sessions geared toward CSA leadership. [Register and book your hotel by June 13.](#)



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## BE A 'HIRO' TO AN HIM PROFESSIONAL



You can't predict when disasters will happen, but you can ensure help will be there for AHIMA members. Make a [donation](#) today to the Health Information Relief Operation (HIRO) fund and help members affected by the recent severe weather in the South and Midwest.

In need of assistance? [Learn how you can apply.](#)

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## NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

[Teaching Hospital HIM Director](#)

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[Coding Supervisor](#)

St. Louis, MO

[Health Information Management Supervisor](#)

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## DONATE YOUR ITEM TO THE SILENT AUCTION



Donating to the AHIMA Foundation's Silent Auction at the AHIMA Convention & Exhibit is as

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1. Choose an item to donate
2. [Submit the online donation form](#)
3. The proceeds from your item's sale support the Foundation's Merit Scholarship program



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## EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

ONLINE RESOURCES





### **2014 Clinical Coding Meeting**

**June 6-7**

**Astor Crown Hotel**

**New Orleans, LA**

*Register by May 23 and save \$100*

This is a must-attend event for all stakeholders and professionals in the coding field. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions will address current hot topics and emerging issues within the coding profession, including reimbursement related issues, clinical documentation improvement, physician practice, staffing, compliance, and leading through change.

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### **Faculty Development Institute / Assembly on Education**

**July 26-30**

**The Palmer House Hilton**

**Chicago, IL**

*Register before June 27 and save*

Join more than 400 faculty and staff members from across the nation for the 2014 Faculty Development Institute Symposium/Assembly on Education (FDI/AOE) to discuss the changing world of health information and the new competencies needed to address these changes.

Visit our [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) for more upcoming events.



*With the CMS announcement that it intends to move forward with an October 2015 ICD-10 compliance date, make sure you're on track by attending these important coding webinars:*

### **CMS Pay for Performance Methodology**

**May 13**

Learn at a high level the elements and methodology for each of the pay-for-performance quality components, as well as key strategies related to documentation and coding that will impact these measures.

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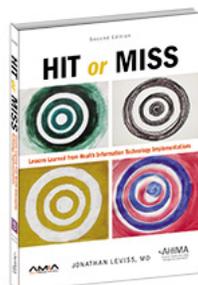
### **Bring Your PCS Code Book: It's Time to Get Your Code On**

**May 29**

Working from beginner to advanced, discuss code assignment and reasoning, as well as have your most challenging questions addressed and try your hand at coding real world operative reports using ICD-10-PCS.

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### **MAY BOOK OF THE MONTH**



[HIT or Miss: Lessons Learned from Health Information Technology](#)

[Implementations, Second Edition](#)

By Jonathan Leviss, MD

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