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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

THE MOVE TO ICD-10: WHY CAN'T WE USE SNOMED OR ICD-11 INSTEAD?

As the US healthcare industry faces yet another delay in ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation, with a new compliance date set for October 1, 2015, some are asking whether the industry can replace ICD-9 with SNOMED CT or just wait for ICD-11 instead of implementing ICD-10-CM/PCS.

An article on *the Journal of AHIMA* website by AHIMA Senior Director of Coding Policy and Compliance Sue Bowman, MJ, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA, addresses why neither of these approaches is a reasonable alternative to implementing ICD-10-CM/PCS, and why the US must remain fully committed to smoothly transitioning to ICD-10-CM/PCS on October 1, 2015, while leveraging the opportunities presented by this transition. [Read the full article.](#)

WEBINAR TO DISCUSS FINDINGS FROM 2014 SURVEY ON IMPACT OF ICD-10

Next Thursday, June 26, eHealth Initiative (eHI), AHIMA, and other health IT experts, including representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will participate in a webinar panel to discuss preliminary findings from a jointly conducted 2014 national survey on ICD-10 by eHI and AHIMA. The complimentary 90-minute webinar beginning at 1 p.m. ET will address opportunities and challenges that the expanded ICD-10 code set will present. [Learn more and register at the eHI website.](#)

HHS ATTORNEY WARNS: EXPECT HIPAA ENFORCEMENT SURGE

The past year's HIPAA enforcement activity will "pale in comparison to the next 12 months," said Jerome Meites, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights' (OCR) chief regional counsel for the Chicago area, at a recent American Bar Association conference, according to *Data Privacy Monitor*. Since June 1, 2013, nine settlements between OCR and HIPAA-offenders have totaled more than \$10 million, including a record setting \$4.8 million settlement. Meites cited portable media as a common source of HIPAA violations and failure to perform a comprehensive risk analysis as a factor in most of the cases involving monetary settlements. Meites said he expected the next wave of audits to begin later this year. [Read the *Data Privacy Monitor* article.](#)

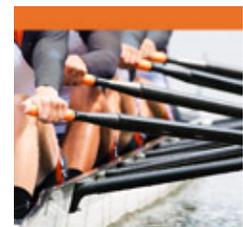
ONC'S CHIEF PRIVACY OFFICER RESIGNS

Joy Pritts, the top privacy officer in the US Department of Health and Human



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Services, will leave her position on July 12, according to officials at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC).

Pritts was ONC's first chief privacy officer, and took on the role in February 2010 following the enactment of the HITECH provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—the legislation that created ONC. National Coordinator for Health IT Karen DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, announced Pritts' resignation in a letter to staff and said she will work with Pritts to identify an acting chief privacy officer and a permanent replacement. [Read the Journal of AHIMA article.](#)

AHRQ VIDEOS HIGHLIGHT BENEFITS OF HEALTH IT

Those looking for information to help move their organization forward with implementing health IT may benefit from visiting the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's *AHRQ Health TV* channel on YouTube. The channel contains videos in its "Health IT Success" series highlighting health IT projects that enhanced care coordination, exchange of health information, or medication management. [Visit AHRQ's YouTube channel.](#)

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2014 RACE AWARD NOMINATIONS



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OFFERING SUPPORT TO VETERANS



In the US, standards can be adopted voluntarily or incorporated into federal laws and regulations in a process that's known as **incorporation by reference (IBR)**—a process increasingly relied on in the certification criteria for electronic health records.

Learn more in "[Setting the Norm: HIM Increasingly Involved in Developing and Using Standards,](#)" in the June *Journal of AHIMA*.



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

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Webinars are 60 minutes long, starting at noon CT.

June 24 [How to Use the HIPAA Breaches After the Omnibus Rule](#)

This webinar explains the difference between the original and revised regulations for patients' requests for restrictions, examines the regulatory language in detail, and explains the operational impact of complying with the revised provisions. We will also discuss policy and procedural implications and review questions healthcare organizations should address.

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Virtual Lab Gateway Training

AHIMA will offer training on the new Virtual Lab (VLab) Gateway during the Assembly on Education/Faculty Development Institute (AOE/FDI).

This new Gateway allows for easier access to VLab applications, instructions, and lessons. Choose one of two training sessions taking place on July 26 or 27 at 8:30 a.m.-noon or 1-4:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from the Palmer House Hilton to the training facility. Seating is limited. [Register for AOE/FDI and sign up for VLab training](#) soon to ensure your spot.

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