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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

CONGRESS TO CMS: HOW ARE YOU PREPARING FOR ICD-10?

The chairs and ranking members of the Senate Finance, House Ways and Means, and House Energy & Commerce committees have sent a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting information and ongoing communication around key milestones in achieving industry ICD-10 readiness by October 1, 2015. AHIMA and its coalition partners view the letter as a positive step toward achieving a firm compliance date. The letter requests regular CMS reports to Congress on stakeholder progress, outreach and education for providers, end-to-end testing, and other CMS programs that will ensure successful ICD-10 implementation.

[Read the letter.](#) For more about getting involved, visit the [Advocacy Assistant](#).

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VIDEO EXTRA: HEALTHCARE IG SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

In the *Journal of AHIMA's* four-minute Video Extra for July, AHIMA Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, Deborah Green, MBA, RHIA, discusses the most actionable findings revealed in AHIMA's white paper "2014 Benchmarking White Paper on Information Governance in Healthcare: A Call to Adopt Information Governance Practices." [Watch the video.](#)

RACECAR DRIVER'S STOLEN RECORDS PUT UP FOR SALE

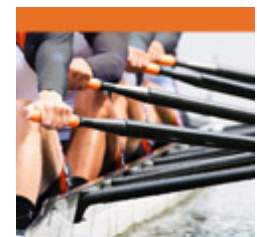
From the world of celebrity comes a story of stolen health records. The records belong to Formula One racecar driver Michael Schumacher, who is recovering from a skiing accident in the French Alps last December. In June, Schumacher woke from a coma and was transferred by helicopter to a Swiss hospital closer to family. With family and doctors largely keeping details about Schumacher's condition private, the documents were offered to the media (but not purchased), reportedly for the equivalent of about \$67,000. Investigators are looking at an IP address belonging to the helicopter company. The story prompted a BBC editorial lamenting the confidentiality of health records in the digital age. [Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

2014 AHIMA TRIUMPH AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED



If you haven't read AHIMA's "2014 Benchmarking White Paper on Information Governance in Healthcare: A Call to Adopt Information Governance Practices," you can [download it](#) for free.

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AHIMA congratulates the recipients of the 2014 AHIMA Triumph Awards. The awards will be presented in September at the 2014 AHIMA Convention & Exhibit in San Diego. The Triumph Awards are given annually in 10 categories that encompass service to the profession and the public, the development of the HIM profession, and leadership. [View the full list of recipients.](#)

Thanks go out to the AHIMA Triumph Awards Committee: Marion K. Gentul, RHIA, CCS – Chair; Margaret H. Gallo Kyriakos, PhD, RHIA; Judith A. Gizinski, MPH, RHIA; Angelia F. Hamilton, RHIA, CCS; Merida L. Johns, PhD, RHIA; Christine M. Metheny, RHIA, CHPS, CHTS; April D. Robertson, MPA, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA; and Heather Shankland, MBA, RHIA.

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP INSPIRES MEMBERS' GENEROSITY

A year after the unexpected death of AHIMA's 85th president, Kathleen Frawley, JD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA, the AHIMA Foundation has raised over \$81,000 in funds to support the Kathleen A. Frawley Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

The AHIMA Foundation conceived of the scholarship as a legacy to help members continue to "Dream Big...and Believe," the theme of Frawley's AHIMA presidency. As an endowed scholarship, annual earnings from the principle will be awarded as general scholarships through the Foundation's Merit Scholarship program.

[Learn more or make a donation at the Foundation website.](#)

JULY ISSUE OF COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

The July issue of the Medicare Learning Network's *Medicare Quarterly Provider Compliance Newsletter* addresses common Recovery Audit and Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) findings that impact hospitals, physicians, and Durable Medical Equipment suppliers. This quarterly newsletter is available online and addresses common billing errors seen by Medicare Administrative Contractors in the field. Each free issue includes detailed findings from the CERT program, as well as recovery audit findings on key healthcare issues, presented in case studies that offer actionable solutions. [Read the July issue.](#)

GET INVOLVED

GET READY FOR THE AHIMA ELECTION



AHIMA's virtual election for next year's Association leadership will take place August 4-18 online at ivote.ahima.org. Get prepared by reviewing the [list of candidates](#), along with their profiles and positions statements on Engage. Please plan to vote, and encourage your colleagues to join you.

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PHIM is celebrating 10 years of scholarly publishing that advances HIM practice. Interested in contributing? Learn about [submission guidelines](#).



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CONGRATULATIONS, NEW AHIMA FELLOWS



The Fellowship Review Committee has recently awarded fellowship to Sarah E. Cottington, MHA, RHIT, CPHQ, CHTS-IM, CPEHR, FNAHQ, FAHIMA; Susan Daniel, MEd, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA; Kathryn A. DeVault, MSL, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, FAHIMA; Laura J. Rizzo, MHA, RHIA, FAHIMA; and M. Beth Shanholtzer, MAEd, RHIA, FAHIMA. The next [application](#) deadline for is August 29. Any regular, honorary, or emeritus member may apply.

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH PRESENTATION



The AHIMA Foundation is accepting [abstracts](#) for presentations on research findings from HIIM professionals conducting evidence-based and policy research, for the Research Forum and Presentation. The Forum will take place Sunday, September 28, during AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit in San Diego, CA.

APPLY TO THE VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The AHIMA Foundation supports the men and women who have served our country through the Veterans Scholarship program, which provides financial assistance to military veterans or their spouses enrolled in or accepted into HIIM programs. The [application](#) closes August 1.

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



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

August 4–5

Washington, DC

Pre-registration savings extended to July 21. Register by July 21 and save

WEBINARS



Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations

Attendees without extensive ICD-10-PCS coding practice will benefit from the presenter's learning experiences,

improvement (CDI) specialists need to be on the same page. But it's ultimately the coders' task to navigate through the patients' charts and link documentation with coding guidelines and conventions so codes can be properly assigned and sequenced.

Read more about coders and CDI in the *Journal of AHIMA* Web article ["Document Like This, Not That—Coders' Perspective."](#)



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[AHIMA's 86th Convention and Exhibit](#)

**September 27–October 2
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Register by August 4 for early bird savings.

Join healthcare leaders and 200 exhibitors for thought-provoking discussions on how health intelligence can help provide better patient care while improving the bottom line. Educational sessions focus on informatics, data analytics, information governance, privacy and security, EHRs, technology, CDI, coordination of care, HIE, leadership and of course, ICD-10, among other topics.

Show you have the tools and talent to lead privacy and security, data analysis, and clinical documentation, programs by earning AHIMA's highly valued credentials. Prepare with AHIMA exam preparation workshops.

[Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security \(CHPS\) Exam Prep Workshop:](#)

July 21–23, Philadelphia, PA

[Certified Health Data Analyst \(CHDA\)](#)

[Exam Prep Workshop:](#) July 26–27, Chicago, IL

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

[Workshop:](#) August 6–7

Washington, DC (following the [CDI](#)

use of real scenarios, and demonstrations of where the necessary documentation is located within the medical record.

Webinars start at 1 p.m. ET and last 60 minutes.

July 22

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Release and Replacement](#)

July 24

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Extirpation and Dilation](#)

July 29

[Mental Gymnastics with Root Operations: Resection and Reposition](#)

July 31

[Mental Gymnastics with Select Root Operations from the Administration & Imaging Sections of PCS](#)

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