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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

CMS OUTLINES END-TO-END TESTING PLAN FOR 2015

To go along with its finalized announcement of the October 1, 2015, ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation deadline, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has released details of its plan for ICD-10 end-to-end testing.

CMS plans to offer approximately 2,550 volunteer submitters three testing opportunities in 2015. CMS says information on how to register will be issued at a later date.

The goals for testing are to show that providers can successfully submit claims using ICD-10 codes with the Medicare fee-for-service claims systems; CMS software changes supporting ICD-10 can generate correctly adjudicated claims; and that the systems produce accurate remittance advice.

[Read the announcement.](#)

AHIMA'S 2014 ELECTION: WHAT DELAWARE, WEST VIRGINIA, AND WISCONSIN HAVE IN COMMON

Delaware, West Virginia, and Wisconsin were the three states with the highest voter turnout last week, during the first week of the 2014 AHIMA election. Polls opened August 4 and will close next Monday, August 18, at 11:59 p.m. CT.

The ballot is available through August 18 at ivote.ahima.org. All active members are eligible to vote for one President/Chair-elect, three Directors, and three Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Commissioners. (Student members are not eligible to vote.) Information on the candidates and their positions is available in the following locations:

- The [AHIMA Membership and Business Community](#) on Engage
- AHIMA's [YouTube](#) channel
- The August [Journal of AHIMA](#) (member log-in required)

Want to see where your state ranks in voter turnout? Visit Engage for the [Election Voting Report by CSA](#).

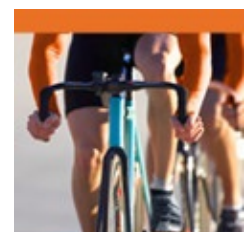
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[Register in advance](#) for today's free webinar, **Results and Implications of the First Survey of Information Governance Practices in Healthcare**, at 2 p.m. CT.

You can also download AHIMA's [Information Governance White Paper](#), and discuss your IG questions and current practices on [Engage](#).

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REPORT WARNS: INTERNET OF THINGS IS NOT SECURE

The Fortify on Demand unit of technology company HP has released a report on the "Internet of Things" (IOT), and finds that the security risks are high.

IOT refers to wired, interconnected devices beyond smartphones, including appliances, wearable devices, and machine components. They often collect personal information, which can include health information, and transmit it insecurely, often over a home network, without asking for so much as a password.

The current state of IOT security, the report concludes, "seems to take all the vulnerabilities from existing spaces, e.g. network security, application security, mobile security, and Internet-connected devices, and combine them into a new (even more insecure) space." [Access the report.](#)

NEW LEGISLATION, SECRETARY FOR THE VA

On August 7, President Obama signed legislation giving a \$16.3 billion boost to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in response to whistleblower allegations that VA officials deliberately manipulated appointment and scheduling records to give the appearance of shorter waiting times for veterans seeking medical care. The new legislation will enable veterans to seek reimbursable services from non-VA providers; give VA hospitals and clinics money to hire physicians and nurses; and help the VA lease 27 new clinics.

The legislation follows the July 30 Senate confirmation of the appointment of Robert McDonald, the former CEO of Proctor & Gamble and a graduate of West Point Military Academy as the new VA Secretary. [Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

STAKEHOLDERS MEET TO BUILD GLOBAL CURRICULA STANDARDS

This week at AHIMA's offices in Chicago, IL, AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation, with the International Federation for Health Information Management Associations and other stakeholders, convened the Global Health Workforce Council (GHWC) to advance a global workforce curricula standard that is internationally applicable, flexible and consistent, and provides a basis for the profession to be recognized by governments, higher education leaders, and employers in any country.

A draft will be distributed for comment later this year, and country-level workgroups will provide feedback. AHIMA's work on this initiative is made possible by a US Department of Commerce grant.

[Read more](#) and meet the [GHWC's 13 appointed members](#) from 12 countries.

GET INVOLVED

APPLY TO JOIN AN AHIMA COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL



What professional education, knowledge, and experience is needed to staff **health information exchange organizations (HIOs)**? AHIMA's Health Information Exchange Practice Council interviewed health information management professionals who have begun working in HIOs to find out.

Read more online in the August [Journal of AHIMA](#).



Visit AHIMA's [Engage Online Communities](#) for discussions and content on topics important to HIM professionals. Have a membership-related question? Visit the [AHIMA Membership and Business](#) community.

You can also access Engage from our mobile app. Scan the QR code below, or visit [iTunes](#) or the [Google Play](#) store to download.



NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB



Apply now for appointed volunteer positions on AHIMA committees and councils in 2015. Review available opportunities in the [Volunteer Center](#) on Engage. Are you a new graduate? You may be interested in the [New Graduate Leadership Council](#). All applications are due September 30.

HOW TO ADVOCATE IN YOUR HOME STATE



Get involved with advocacy for HIM. AHIMA's Policy and Government Relations office in Washington, DC, is offering a free webinar, [Scheduling a Congressional Meeting](#), August 20 at 3 p.m. ET. Learn how to schedule and conduct a meeting with your federal legislators, and follow up on action items.

BECOME AN AHIMA FELLOW



Fellows of AHIMA are members who have earned recognition for their significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Don't miss your chance to become a FAHIMA. The next [fellowship application](#) deadline is August 29.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER



[Register](#) for the free August 20 Career Prep Webinar, "3 Tricky Truths to Avoid Undermining Your Career Advancement." Whether you're just starting out or already in the workforce, learn how to focus your entrance into the profession, advance to the next level, or improve your next annual evaluation.

LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CONVENTION

Attending [AHIMA's Annual Convention and Exhibit](#)? Plan to attend a volunteer session on Tuesday, September 30, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Get an introduction to the appointed and elected opportunities available at the national level, submit

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September 27-28

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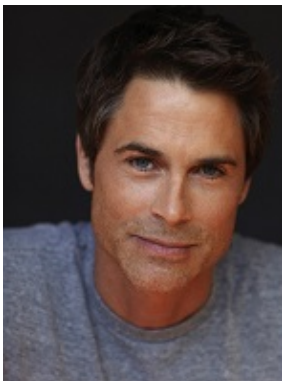
Join your fellow coding industry professionals for vital education and training at AHIMA's Annual Clinical Coding Meeting. The agenda features important topics such as CDI, compliance risks, ICD-10 readiness, EHRs, and more. When the meeting is over, hit the beach or visit any number of San Diego hot spots.

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

September 27–October 2

San Diego, CA

Early bird pricing has been extended. Save \$200 when you pre-register by September 26.



WEBINARS



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

August 19

[CMS Pay for Performance Methodology](#)

August 21

[An Introduction to Information Governance](#)

August 26

[ICD-10-PCS and Physician Coders - Bridging the Gap](#)

NEW FROM AHIMA PRESS



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

Available for preorder

By Darice M. Grzybowski, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA

This book provides practical examples, case studies, and industry tips for successful use of electronic document management systems as a vital component of the electronic health

Actor Rob Lowe, an advocate for cancer awareness, will present the closing keynote address. In addition to leading roles on TV's *The West Wing*; *Parks and Recreation*; the films *The Outsiders* and *St. Elmo's Fire*, among others spanning 31 years, Lowe is the author of two memoirs, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends* and *Love Life*.

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In conjunction with the AHIMA

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