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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

SUCCESS: FINAL BILL PASSES WITH NO INCLUSION OF ICD-10

Saturday night, in a rare weekend session, the so-called "Cromnibus" federal funding bill, "HR 83 – Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015" passed the US Senate without any amendments delaying ICD-10, after passing the House of Representatives late in the evening on Thursday, December 11. Selected physician groups had attempted to insert a two-year ICD-10 delay into the bill.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has estimated that the last delay, enacted April 1 through a legislative act of Congress, has cost the healthcare industry approximately \$6.8 billion in lost investments, not including the cost associated with missed opportunities for better health data to improve quality of care and patient safety.

[Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

CMS AND AHIMA OFFER WEBINAR ON ICD-10 AND CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

A recording of a webinar on the importance of detailed clinical documentation to the ICD-10 transition, how to train staff, and more, presented last week by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and AHIMA is now available on the AHIMA website. The webinar, which was presented live on December 10, is hosted by AHIMA Senior Directors of HIM Practice Excellence Angie Comfort, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, and Melanie Endicott, MBA/HCM, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCS-P, FAHIMA.

[Access the recording and slides](#), located in the ICD-10 section of AHIMA's website.

STUDY SHOWS DIVERSITY OF THE CDI PROFESSION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW

A recent study by the AHIMA Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AHIMA, suggests the growth of the Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist (CDIS) role will likely continue to expand to address evolving governmental initiatives within the healthcare industry. The study, "Clinical Documentation Improvement Job Description Summative Report," provides a descriptive picture of the profession, as well as the knowledge and skill sets employers anticipate will be part of the professionals' expertise by assessing CDIS job descriptions, and assesses through CDIS job descriptions the knowledge and skill sets employers anticipate will be part of these professionals' expertise.

[Download the report.](#)



Proposals are being accepted now for AHIMA meetings in 2015. Review the [available speaking opportunities](#).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

E-Alert is going on vacation until after the holidays. Look for your first issue of the New Year on January 8.



In 2015, Experian Data Breach Resolution predicts the healthcare industry will need to be especially vigilant about breaches. "The expanding number of access points to **Protected Health Information (PHI)** and other sensitive data via electronic medical records and the growing popularity of wearable technology" make the industry a vulnerable target, says this year's Data Breach Industry Forecast white paper. In 2014, security breaches in healthcare represented about 42

AHRQ PHYSICIAN JON WHITE NAMED ONC ACTING DEPUTY

As part of the ongoing leadership shuffle at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, the agency announced earlier this month that Jon White, MD, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT acting chief medical officer since October, has also been named acting deputy national coordinator. White will continue to serve in both posts. He was previously Director of the Division of Health IT at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The agency has grappled with several management-level staff changes this year.

[Read more at the *Journal of AHIMA* website.](#)

PREDICTIONS FOR THE HEALTH INDUSTRY IN 2015

PWC has released its annual Top Health Industry Issues report for 2015. Predictions for next year include an increase in interest in wearable and smartphone-linked devices and apps for healthcare, that "privacy will lose ground to convenience" in consumers' minds, and that the high costs of care for Medicare and Medicaid "dual eligibles" will "foster creative care delivery and management systems."

With healthcare changing rapidly in recent years, PWC predicts, "In 2015, the future will come into sharper focus" and suggests that, more than ever, "health organizations need to be ambidextrous and nimble. Their survival and success depend upon understanding their roles in a transparent, wired, consumer-centric future."

[Access the report.](#)

GET INVOLVED

PARTICIPATE IN AHIMA'S NEW IG WORK GROUP



A new work group is being convened to identify, develop, and refine tools and resources that will assist organizations in their information governance (IG) implementation. If you or your organization has developed new or innovative IG approaches and tools (examples include, but are not limited to, governance structures, role descriptions, data quality management

approaches, information valuation approaches, preservation resources, legal hold approaches, retention tools, and disposition approaches), this is your opportunity to help forge a path to the future. The work group's goal is to develop an evolving toolkit for IG in healthcare. The group will meet twice monthly beginning mid-January.

E-mail your resume to Lydia.Washington@ahima.org by **December 19**. If you would like to contribute to toolkit content, but are unavailable to participate in the work group, e-mail your interest to the same address.

percent of all major data breaches, according to a press release.

[Read the release and white paper.](#)

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT INFORMATION GOVERNANCE?

The *Journal of AHIMA* reports that Information governance (IG) is a term you will hear frequently in 2015. Should you, as an individual health information management (HIM) professional, care about IG? Absolutely. It's possible that your personal future success, along with the effectiveness of IG, may well depend on your acceptance and promotion of IG.

[Read more at the *Journal* website.](#)



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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 now open for the following meetings:



[Long-Term and Post-Acute Care
Health IT Summit](#)

June 21–23, 2015, Baltimore, MD
Proposals due January 23

[Assembly on Education Symposium and Faculty Development Institute](#)

July 18–22, 2015, Austin, TX

Proposals due January 23

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

July 13–14, 2015, Baltimore, MD

Proposals due February 2

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

August 6–7, Alexandria, VA

Proposals due February 9

CONSIDER THE AHIMA FOUNDATION IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING



The AHIMA Foundation, the charitable arm of AHIMA, extends its thanks to AHIMA members for their support this year. The Foundation advances the HIM profession through innovative research programs, scholarships, workforce development programs, and development of HIM educational initiatives. Consider making a [year-end donation](#) today.

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY SYMPOSIUM AND HILL DAY

[Register](#) for the 2015 Leadership & Advocacy Symposium and Hill Day, March 23–24 in

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Washington, DC. Webinars prior to Hill Day will familiarize members with current legislative initiatives and prepare you for this opportunity to advocate for issues important to the HIM profession. Registration closes February 16. Questions can be sent to nia.bailey@ahima.org.



EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



CDIP Exam Prep Workshop

March 16-17

Chicago, IL

Electronic health records are changing the way documentation is captured, increasing the focus on documentation improvement programs. AHIMA's Clinical Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP) certification demonstrates competency in capturing documentation necessary for the patient's health record. Prepare to sit for the examination by reviewing the six domains covered in the exam at this two-day in-person meeting.

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.

Register for these upcoming dates:

[March 30-April 1
Las Vegas, NV](#)

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

WEBINARS



Webinars start at noon CT and last 60 minutes.

Confidentiality, Privacy and Security:

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](#)

Clinical Documentation Improvement:

March 19

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

March 31

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

NEW FROM AHIMA PRESS

[Basic ICD-10-CM/PCS and ICD-9-CM](#)

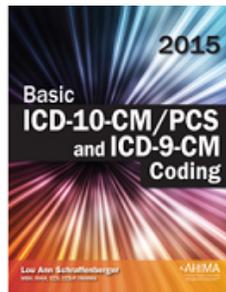
[May 27-29](#)
[Columbus, OH](#)

AHIMA's **Advanced ICD-10-PCS Skills Workshops** are designed for those who already have ICD-10-PCS coding experience, providing three days of in-depth, hands-on training in the ICD-10-PCS coding system and its application.

Register for an upcoming date:

[March 4-6](#)
[Morrisville, NC](#)

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

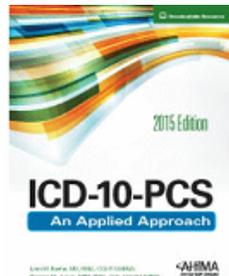


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