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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

ICD-10 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING PANELISTS DEBATE MYTHS AND PATIENT CARE

During a House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing, "Examining ICD-10 Implementation," held yesterday in Washington, DC, [testimony](#) by Sue Bowman, MJ, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA, AHIMA's senior director of coding policy and compliance, urged Congress not to enact further delays, and allow the US to keep pace with other industrialized nations who adopted ICD-10 years ago. Bowman also answered questions from committee representatives on how ICD-10 can help detect fraud, its impact on new payment reforms, why the healthcare system needs stronger data, and how ICD-10 makes reimbursement more fair and accurate.

Of the seven industry experts who testified, only one, a physician, outright opposed implementation in 2015.

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

POSITIVE FINDINGS ON ICD-10 FINANCIAL IMPACT, CMS READINESS

Two new reports published on the *Journal of AHIMA* website examine the financial implications of implementing ICD-10:

A white paper by the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management (PAHCOM) finds that the average ICD-10-related expenditures in small physician offices is \$8,167 with average expenditures per provider of \$3,430. This is drastically lower than previous and widely disseminated estimates of costs between \$22,560 and \$105,506, from a study released by the American Medical Association. [Access "Survey of ICD-10 Implementation Costs in Small Physician Offices."](#)

A second white paper, by AHIMA, finds that the transition from the ICD-9-CM version of the MS-DRGs to the ICD-10-CM version of the MS-DRGs will have a limited impact on aggregate payments to hospitals. The authors found "overall payment increases and decreases due to a change in MS-DRG assignment essentially net out." [Access "The Impact of the Transition to ICD-10 on Medicare Inpatient Hospital Payments."](#)

In addition, the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report last week, which [lawmakers say](#) gives them "confidence that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is adequately preparing to implement" ICD-10 on October 1, 2015. The report assessed CMS's outreach activities, including in-person training, Web-based materials, teleconferences, and a direct mail pilot, as well as testing activities. [Access the full GAO report.](#)



We want to see you online **February 20 at noon CT** during our Twitter chat, discussing information governance and how it's being used. Use hashtag [#IGNow](#) to participate.

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UPDATED ICD-10 TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

AHIMA's ICD-10-CM/PCS Implementation Toolkit, recently updated from the 2012 version, is available free to members. The toolkit provides information about ICD-10-CM/PCS and how to effectively and efficiently prepare for the transition, as well as many of the tools and documents needed for implementation. The resources in this toolkit are relevant to physicians, acute care hospitals, long-term care organizations, home health providers, and those in other similar settings. All those involved in ICD-10-CM/PCS's implementation as well as those who will eventually be working with ICD-10-CM/PCS will find the toolkit useful.

AHIMA members get [free access to the toolkit](#). Non-members can purchase the toolkit in the [AHIMA Store](#) for \$99.95.

CYBER ATTACK ON ANTHEM AFFECTS 80 MILLION

Anthem Inc., the second largest insurance company in the US, has announced to members and the public that personal information belonging to approximately 80 million people has been compromised in "a very sophisticated external cyber attack" on its information systems. Hackers gained access to current and former members' personal information such as "names, birthdays, medical IDs/social security numbers, street addresses, email addresses and employment information, including income data," but not credit card or medical information. Anthem is cooperating with an FBI investigation and working with cyber security firm Mandiant. [Read more at the Journal of AHIMA website.](#)

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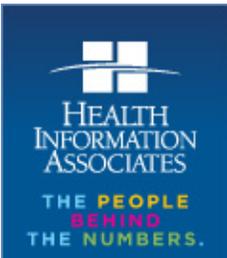
Join AHIMA for Hill Day, March 24 in Washington, DC. Don't delay—this event is first come, first served, with limited spaces. [Online registration and hotel reservations](#) close February 16.

The Leadership and Advocacy Symposium registration is now closed; please note these two events require separate registrations.

Hill Day attendees, ensure you're prepared to advocate effectively by also registering to attend these free webinars:

- [February 25, 1 p.m. CT](#) - Hill Day: Introduction to Congress
- [March 5, noon CT](#) - First Issue Set: HIM and Patient Matching
- [March 10, noon CT](#) or [March 12, 11 a.m. CT](#) - Second Issue Set: ICD-10
- [March 17, 1 p.m. CT](#) - Hill Day: Using Social Media for Advocacy

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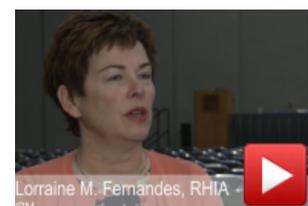
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[2015 Clinical Documentation Improvement \(CDI\) Summit: Leading the Documentation Journey](#)

August 6-7, Alexandria, VA

Deadline extended to February 20

[Information Governance: The Value Proposition, a Thought Leadership Summit from AHIMA](#)

November 12-13, 2015, Chicago, IL

Proposals due March 15

[The Privacy and Security Institute](#), celebrating its ninth year

September 26-27, 2015, New Orleans, LA

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[Register online.](#) Select AHIMA from the list of "Conference Endorsing Organizations" and enter the Endorser Number: 2015. *Advance pricing registration ends March 16.*



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[Denver, CO](#)

[June 10-12](#)
[Ft. Lauderdale, FL](#)

[December 2-4](#)
[Las Vegas, NV](#)

Presented with AHIMA's CDI Academy educational partner:

UPCOMING WEBINARS



Webinars start at noon CT and last 60 minutes.

February 12
[How a Mock Audit Can Identify Gaps in Preparedness](#)

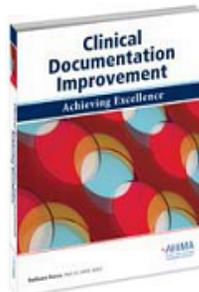
February 19
[Preparing Your Organization for Round Two: Tips for Surviving Privacy and Security Desk Audits](#)

February 24
[CDI & ICD-10 Documentation Tips](#)

March 19
[Using CDI Programs to Improve Quality Reporting](#)

March 31
[Coding and Clinical Documentation Improvement with a Technology Backbone](#)

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By Ruthann Russo, PhD, JD, MPH, RHIT

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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 now for [multiple dates and locations](#).

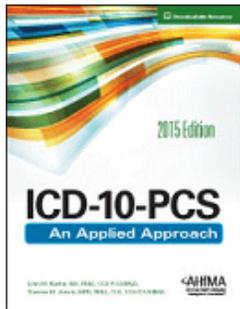
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[ICD-10-PCS: An Applied Approach, 2015 Edition](#)

By Lynn M. Kuehn, MS, RHIA, CCS-P, FAHIMA, and Therese M. Jorwic, MPH, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, FAHIMA

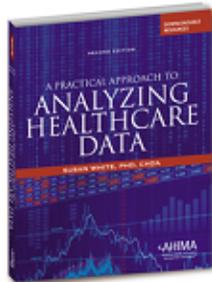
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