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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

ANNOUNCING AHIMA's 2014 BALLOT CANDIDATES

The 2014 AHIMA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following 2014 Ballot Candidates for the AHIMA Board of Directors, Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Commissioner, and Speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. Online voting will begin August 4, 2014.

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Elizabeth Delahoussaye, RHIA, CHPS
Diane Premeau, MBA, RHIA, CHP, CHC
(Note: The Speaker-elect of the House is a separate voting ballot. Members of the 2014-15 House of Delegates vote for these candidates in August 2014.)

Special thanks to the 2014 Nominating Committee:

Tim Keough, MPA, RHIA, FAHIMA – Chair; Gloryanne Bryant, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCDS; Jill Finkelstein, MBA, RHIA, CHTS-TR; Laura Rizzo, MHA, RHIA; Ann Nowlin, RHIT; Bryon Pickard, MBA, RHIA; Patrice Spath, MA, RHIT, CHTS-IM; Patty Thierry Sheridan, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA; Bill Thieleman, RHIA, CHP

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'MORE ICD-10 CODING BASICS' MLN CONNECTS™ NATIONAL PROVIDER CALL

Department of Health and Human Services expects to release an interim final rule in the near future that will include a new compliance date requiring the use of ICD-10 beginning October 1, 2015. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will host a call on June 4, 1:30-3 p.m. ET, featuring a keynote presentation on more ICD-10 coding basics by Sue Bowman, MJ, RHIA, CCS, FAHIMA, AHIMA senior director, coding policy and compliance, and updates from CMS. A question and answer session will follow.

Space may be limited, so [register now](#).

SAMHSA SEEKS INPUT ON UPDATING PRIVACY REGULATIONS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will hold a listening session June 11 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET, to seek information on potential changes to the Confidentiality and Drug Abuse Patient Regulations, 42 CFR Part 2. [Register to attend in-person or via teleconference](#). Formal comments are due to SAMHSA by June 25. [Access the proposed changes](#).

HEALTH IT WORKGROUPS MAKE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD

After a hearing testimony on May 7 from providers, health information exchange organizations, vendors, certification and accreditation bodies, and private sector representatives, the HIT Policy Committee workgroups finalized major recommendations for the full HIT Policy Committee focused on making major changes to the Office of the National Coordinator electronic health record certification process:

- Hold a formal "Kaizen" event—a process management activity aimed at eliminating waste and improving efficiency—with all certification stakeholder groups to develop recommendations to improve the certification process both in the short-term and the long-term
- Reduce the scope of certification to three primary areas: Interoperability/Transitions of Care, Clinical Quality Measures, and Privacy/Security

Access audio for both the [certification hearing](#) and [recommendation discussion](#).

GUIDES OFFER ADVICE ON PATIENT-GENERATED HEALTH DATA

The Office of the National Coordinator has released two guides addressing patient-generated health data:

[term](#) as the accreditor of certification bodies under the Office of the National Coordinator's Health Information Technology Certification Program for electronic health record technology. HealthIT.gov offers a list of [certification bodies accredited by ANSI](#).



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The first guide, "[Assessing Patient Experience With Care](#)," provides information for providers on using patient experience data to improve their practice settings.

The second guide, "[Patient Generated Health Data](#)," provides information on the elements of patient-generated health data, why it is important, and how health information technology is supporting patient-generated health data.

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AHIMA'S CEO ON '100 MOST INFLUENTIAL' BALLOT



AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA, is among the candidates on *Modern Healthcare's* "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" ballot. AHIMA members are encouraged to [go to the ballot and vote](#) for Thomas Gordon's leadership and influence in advancing AHIMA and the HIM profession. Voting closes June 13.



CAREER PREP WEBINAR



[Register](#) for the Career Prep webinar, "Launching a Career with Your First Job," June 11 at noon CT, facilitated by Geoff New, MBA, RHIA, CRCR, of Conifer Health Solutions. Get information and tips to help you land your first job, and learn how to use it as the foundation for launching your career in HIM.

NOMINATE A REMARKABLE HIM PROFESSIONAL

AHIMA's prestigious Triumph Awards honor HIM professionals who have shown extraordinary leadership, volunteerism, and talent. The 2014 awards will be presented at AHIMA's 86th Annual Convention & Exhibit this September in San Diego, CA. Submit your [nomination](#) by June 2. Sponsored



2014 LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



July 11-12 at the Westin Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, AHIMA and CSA leaders, as well as delegates, will engage in strategic direction, envisioning the future, and honing HIM focus. This symposium includes interactive sessions geared toward CSA leadership. [Register and book your hotel by June 13.](#)

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



[AHIMA's Annual Clinical Coding Meeting](#)

June 6-7
New Orleans, LA

This must-attend event for all stakeholders in the coding industry concentrates on emerging issues and critical topics in-depth, including ICD-10-CM/PCS and other initiatives driving healthcare today. Not-to-miss sessions include "Challenges in Clinical Documentation: Stories from the Front Line" by Jonathan Elion, MD, and "Embracing Coding Certification through the ICD-10 Storm" by Kelli Horn, RHIT, CCS, CCA.

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

WEBINARS



Webinars last 60 minutes, starting at 1 p.m. ET.

June 5
[How to Handle HIPAA Security Breaches Properly](#)

June 12
[Preparing for PHI Request for Restrictions](#)

FROM AHIMA PRESS

To assist HIM professionals during the ICD-10 delay, AHIMA Press is making available books and resources containing ICD-9 content and dual ICD-9 and ICD-10 coding content. Coding publications and exam prep publications are available.

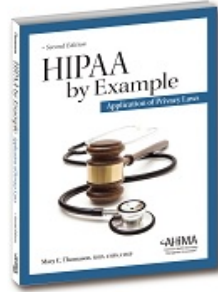
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[HIPAA by Example](#)

By Mary C. Thomason, RHIA, CHPS, CISSP

This text provides examples of expert reasoning on how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules can be applied correctly under various real-life scenarios. 140 scenarios described in the book are based on actual situations, and answers include best practices and reference current state, federal, and international laws.

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