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THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

AHIMA TESTIMONY: PROVIDERS SHOULD USE THE ICD-10 DELAY TO 'GET THE TRANSITION RIGHT'

During testimony Tuesday to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics' (NCVHS) Standards Subcommittee in Washington, DC, Sue Bowman, AHIMA's senior director of coding policy and compliance, said that providers should use the latest ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation delay to "reflect, regroup, and revitalize" as well as finally "get the transition right" and "mitigate risks caused by inadequate preparation."

The findings and recommendations related to the delay that AHIMA delivered to the subcommittee are also outlined in a just-released policy paper, "Achieving ICD-10-CM/PCS Compliance in 2015: Staying the Course for Better Healthcare—A Report from the AHIMA 2014 ICD-10/CAC Coding Summit." [Read more about AHIMA's NCVHS testimony](#) at the *Journal of AHIMA* website, or [access the policy paper](#).

NEW TOOLKIT OFFERS HELP FOR CAC IMPLEMENTATION

Those planning and preparing for computer-assisted coding (CAC) implementation in ambulatory (including physician), acute care inpatient, or outpatient hospital settings will find assistance in a new Computer-Assisted Coding (CAC) Toolkit offered by AHIMA. The toolkit provides many of the necessary tools and documents for a successful CAC implementation. It is offered free to members. [Access the toolkit in AHIMA's HIM Body of Knowledge](#).

ONC REPORT CALLS FOR INTEROPERABILITY WITHIN 10 YEARS

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) wants to achieve health IT interoperability by 2024. "Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A 10-Year Vision to Achieve an Interoperable Health IT Infrastructure," a paper described as the framework for realizing "better health for all through a more connected health care system and active individual management," was released last week. The plan proposes goals for the next three, six, and 10 years, and issues a call to action for the industry focused on five "critical building blocks."

[Read a discussion of the paper](#) by the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Karen DeSalvo MD, MPH, MSc. Or [access the paper](#) directly.

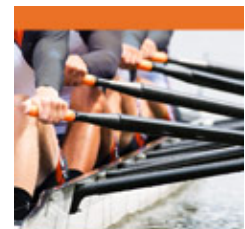
BENEFITS, RISKS OF 'BIG DATA' IN WHITE HOUSE REPORT

A recent report released by the White House, "Big Data: Seizing Opportunities,



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Preserving Values," represents a 90-day study of the policy issues related to privacy and big data. The report focuses on how to maximize the benefits of big data while minimizing risks, and identifies future opportunities for using big data to improve society.

The "Big Data and Health Care Delivery" section concludes in part that "as big data enables ever more powerful discoveries, it will be important to revisit how privacy is protected as information circulates among all the partners involved in care," and says protections beyond those of HIPAA may be required. [Access the report.](#)

CMS LAUNCHES INITIATIVES FOR SMALL PHYSICIAN PRACTICES

This Friday, June 13, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will offer a free ICD-10 implementation educational meeting in Albany, NY, designed to help physicians and practice managers in small physician practices understand the business imperative around implementing ICD-10. "Road to 10: A Small Physician Practice's Route to ICD-10" will take place at Albany Medical College.

"ICD-10 Clinical Implementation: Practice Management Perspective" will take place from 12-2 p.m. "ICD-10 Clinical Implementation: Clinical Perspective" will take place from 6-7 p.m. Additional sessions at locations throughout the nation will be posted in the near future. [Learn more and register.](#)

GET INVOLVED

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR AHIMA'S CEO



AHIMA CEO Lynne Thomas Gordon, MBA, RHIA, CAE, FACHE, FAHIMA, has been honored with a nomination for *Modern Healthcare's* annual "100 Most Influential People in Healthcare" list. This is your last chance to [cast a vote](#) for Thomas Gordon's influence and leadership. Voting closes tomorrow, June 13.

BE A WEBINAR PRESENTER IN 2015



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Human Services

(HHS), after confirmation by a bipartisan vote of 78 to 17. As secretary, she will oversee more than 77,000 employees in 11 agencies and a budget that accounts for almost one out of every four federal dollars.

Read more [about Burwell](#) at the HHS website.

NOT SO FAST!



That was the message Congress sent when it passed legislation that delayed implementation for one year. The June *Journal of AHIMA* examines how to proceed, and more. [Access the digital edition.](#)



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to download.



2014 LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM – REGISTER BY FRIDAY



AHIMA and CSA leaders and delegates will engage in strategic direction, and envisioning the future July 11-12 at the Westin Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, IL. [Registration](#) and the reduced hotel rate both end tomorrow, Friday, June 13.

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2014 RACE AWARD NOMINATIONS



AHIMA is accepting nominations through August 15 for the 2014 Roundtable Achievement in Coding Excellence (RACE) Awards, to be presented September 27 at the Clinical Coding Community Meeting in San Diego, CA. Log in to the State Leaders and HOD Engage Community for [award criteria and the nomination form](#).

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

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WEBINARS



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June 19

[Going Forward Into the Past - Information Governance and Standards: Enterprise Information Management](#)

June 24



- Keynote addresses from industry experts, including Paul Weygandt, MD, JD, MPH, MBA, CCS, FACPE, and Jon Elion, MD, FACC

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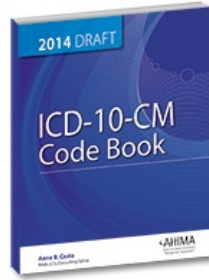
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Visit our [EVENTS CALENDAR](#) for more upcoming events.

[How to Use the HIPAA Breaches After the Omnibus Rule](#)

PUBLICATIONS



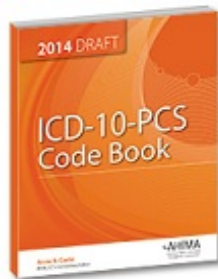
[ICD-10-CM Code Book, 2014 Draft](#)

By Anne B. Casto, RHIA, CCS

PRICE: \$110

MEMBER PRICE: \$89.95

Product Code: AC221013



[ICD-10-PCS Code Book, 2014 Draft](#)

By Anne B. Casto, RHIA, CCS

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