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## THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

### STUDY TO ASSESS FUTURE SKILLS IN HIIM

In response to the rapid changes in the health informatics and information management (HIIM) profession and to ensure the workforce stays on track and continues to move into the jobs of the near future, AHIMA has launched a research study to determine the education and credentials that will be needed by HIIM professionals in 10 to 20 years. A key focus will be on HIIM competencies and will involve interviews with HIIM professionals in various environments and levels, as well as employers and other stakeholders.

[Read more about the study and how to participate at the \*Journal of AHIMA\* website.](#)

### REPORT ON DATA SHARING: "IT" TAKES A VILLAGE

Findings from the Beacon Communities outlined in the recent report, "Data Sharing to Enable Clinical Transformation at the Community Level: IT Takes a Village," may be useful to communities just beginning efforts to share and exchange clinical health information.

The three-year Beacon project provided funding to 17 health IT users nationwide, each at different stages and with different challenges, to build local health information technology and health information exchange infrastructure. NORC at the University of Chicago is conducting a four-year project to gather and evaluate the Beacon Communities' approaches to and experiences with building and strengthening their health IT infrastructures. [Read the report.](#)

### COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON...

AHIMA submitted comments to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) on the ICD-10-CM **diagnosis code proposals** presented at the March ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting. [Read AHIMA's comment letter](#) or access [materials on the code proposals](#).

Following a public listening session, AHIMA submitted comments to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on **proposed changes to Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records Regulations, 42 CFR Part 2**, which covers transmission and sharing of drug and alcohol abuse patients' records, last updated in 1987. [Learn more about the proposed changes](#) or [read AHIMA's comments](#).

AHIMA submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) in support of proposed changes to specific **MS-DRG classifications**



[Nominations](#) are due **August 15** for the 2014 Roundtable Achievement in Coding Excellence (RACE) Awards.

### A NEW WAY AHIMA REACHES CONSUMERS

[AHIMA](#) is listed as an expert on a new topic page, [Managing Your Medical Records](#), located on the consumer-oriented social site, Sharecare. The page offers information on how medical records affect consumers' health, rights regarding health information, and how privacy is protected.



Ahead of HIPAA audits scheduled to resume this fall, Jocelyn Samuels has been named the next director of the compliance-focused **Office for Civil Rights (OCR)** in the Department of Health and Human Services, according to an [announcement](#) reported

**proposed in the Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) and Fiscal Year 2015 Rates.** [Access the proposed rule](#) or [read AHIMA's comments](#).

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## HOW CAN HEALTH DATA BE MORE USEFUL AND AVAILABLE?

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and senior Finance Committee member Chuck Grassley (R-IA) are asking providers, patients, advocates, insurers, entrepreneurs and others for new ideas for improving overall transparency in healthcare. A letter sent to a spectrum of healthcare stakeholders reads in part, "Health care-related data, specifically, is a growing but largely untapped resource for accelerating improvements in healthcare quality and value," and requests input on how to make healthcare data more useful and readily available. [Read the letter](#).

AHIMA members interested in helping to develop a response to this request for comments should e-mail AHIMA's senior director of standards at [anna.orlova@ahima.org](mailto:anna.orlova@ahima.org).

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## COMMITTEE EXPLORES DIGITAL HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT

The House Energy and Commerce Committee released its latest white paper in the 21st Century Cures initiative, which explores how to "accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery cycle to get promising new treatments and cures to patients more quickly" and where "significant gaps remain between practice and potential." The white paper aims to gather ideas about how to improve the digital healthcare landscape. Ideas can be sent to [cures@mail.house.gov](mailto:cures@mail.house.gov) by July 22. [Read the white paper](#).

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## GET INVOLVED

### GET READY TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE



The AHIMA election for next year's Association leadership will take place online at [ivote.ahima.org](http://ivote.ahima.org) August 4-18. Members can begin preparing now. Review the [list of candidates](#), along with their profiles and positions statements on Engage. Tell your colleagues, and mark August 4-18 on your calendar.

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### SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH PRESENTATION



The AHIMA Foundation is now accepting [abstracts](#) for presentations on research findings from HIIM professionals conducting evidence-based and policy research, for the Research Forum and Presentation. The Forum will take place Sunday, September 28, during AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit in San Diego, CA.

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## NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

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## BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER



Help support the AHIMA Foundation's Silent Auction benefitting the Merit Scholarship Program. When you [donate an auction item](#), you are directly investing in the education of a HIM student and letting the world know you believe in the profession and what we can accomplish together.



## STUDENTS AND NEW GRADS, ENTER THE E-POSTER CONTEST



Students and recently graduated professionals, kick off your career by showcasing your research skills at the 86th AHIMA Convention & Exhibit in San Diego, CA, this September. The AHIMA Foundation invites you to [submit an e-poster](#). Winners will be shown at Convention and receive free Convention registration.

## EDUCATION & NETWORKING

### CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



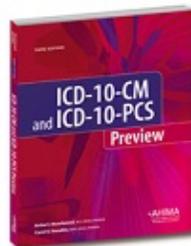
[CDI Summit: Leading the Documentation Journey](#)

**August 4-5  
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*Pre-registration savings extended to July 21. Reserve your room by July 7 for special rates.*

This summit offers keynote addresses from nationally recognized industry experts; a range of presentations on best practices, innovation, implementation, information governance, and ICD-10-CM/PCS, and interactive sessions that showcase real world examples and provide critical insights to move CDI programs forward. *Premier sponsor: 3M; Supporting sponsors: ACDIS, Huff DRG Review, Optum360, Precyse; With*

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[ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Preview, Third Edition](#)

By Anita C. Hazelwood, MLS, RHIA, FAHIMA, and Carol A. Venable, MPH, RHIA, FAHIMA

This newly revised, practical introduction helps prepare your facility for the expected October 1, 2015, ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation date.

This is the perfect guide for professional coders, managers, information systems personnel, clinicians, health insurers, and other users of coded clinical data who need to enhance their knowledge of ICD-10.

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**September 27–October 2**  
**San Diego, CA**

Register by August 4 for early bird savings

With this year's theme, "Leading the Way to Health Intelligence," new and exciting opportunities await, including sessions on informatics, data analytics, information governance, privacy and security, EHRs, CDI, coordination of care, HIE, and ICD-10; results of the first information governance in healthcare survey; yoga sessions; and the "Rockin' in the Park" appreciation celebration.

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[2014 Annual Clinical Coding Meeting](#)  
**September 27–28**  
**San Diego, CA**

Save \$100 with pre-registration

This event offers essential information for all stakeholders in the coding industry. Delve into emerging industry issues and critical topics, and gather vital insight from cutting-edge speakers as they address the changing environment related to ICD-10 and other initiatives driving healthcare.

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[Medical Coding for Non-Coders, Second Edition](#)

By Karen Scott

This text delivers a valuable introduction to medical coding for those in healthcare who need to understand the process of coding, but do not need the level of specificity required to become a coding professional.

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