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## THIS WEEK'S TOP INDUSTRY & AHIMA NEWS

### AHIMA CONVENTION BEGINS THIS SATURDAY; ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

The *Journal of AHIMA* is ramping up to cover AHIMA's 86th Convention & Exhibit, starting this Saturday, September 27-October 2 in San Diego, CA. The *Journal* website features Q&As with Convention presenters, including:

- Lisette Wright, MA, on [coding behavioral health and substance abuse in ICD-10](#)
- Susan Lucci, RHIA, CHDS, ADHI-F, and Mary Poulson, RHIT, MA, CHC, CHPC, on [what to do after a breach](#)
- Elizabeth Miller, PhD, on [why it's the small data that counts](#)

On Friday, a Q&A will be posted with past AHIMA president Patty Thierry Sheridan, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA on her session with co-presenter Valerie J. M. Watzlaf, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA, on HIM leadership.

The *Journal* website will post stories throughout Convention. In addition, look for daily E-Alerts in your e-mail inbox Monday, September 29 through Wednesday, October 1, with links to all the Convention news.

On-site registration begins Saturday, September 27, at 7 a.m. at the San Diego Convention Center, Upper Level, Ballroom Foyer.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR END-TO-END TESTING – APPLY BY OCTOBER 3

The Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) is asking for volunteers to participate in ICD-10 end-to-end testing with Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor during the week of January 26-30, 2015. A CMS announcement says approximately 850 volunteer submitters "representing a broad cross-section of provider, claim, and submitter types" will be selected.

Volunteer forms are available through [MAC websites](#). The forms are due October 3. MACs are requesting providers send no more than 25 claims per file; multiple files per day are allowed. Volunteers selected to test will be notified and provided with the information needed for the testing by October 24.

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AHIMA's workforce study, ["HIM Without Walls."](#) closes next Wednesday, October 1. Don't miss the chance to participate in this important study.

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### EVENTS ON THE 'ROAD TO 10'

Do you know about the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' 'Road to 10' ICD-10 resources for small practice physicians?

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Transcription Services



HIM Technology

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## **AHIMA PUSHES FOR ICD-10 ADOPTION IN CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING**

In a two-hour Capitol Hill briefing on Tuesday, AHIMA and fellow members of the Coalition for ICD-10 stressed the need for ICD-10-CM/PCS and the consequences of additional implementation delays. Members of Congress, as well as the general public, attended.

Margarita Valdez, AHIMA's director of congressional relations, said the session "was one of the best briefings that we've ever had." Legislators asked questions of every panelist, looking for clarification about costs to small physician offices, the number of new codes, and competing health initiatives. The day's [presentations](#) are available at the Coalition website.

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

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## **FRIDSMA IS NEXT TO LEAVE ONC**

Chief Science Officer Doug Fridsma, MD, PhD, FACP, FACMI, is leaving the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to become the new president and CEO of the American Medical Informatics Association, ONC announced this week via Twitter. As chief science officer, Fridsma led the divisions responsible for managing the Federal Health Architecture, the Standards & Interoperability Framework, and ONC's work in the international and innovation communities. His resignation follows several other departures from ONC—Joy Pritts, ONC's top privacy official, and Lygeia Ricciardi, formerly ONC's director of consumer e-health, both resigned in July.

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

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## **2014 RACE AWARDS WINNERS WILL BE HONORED AT CONVENTION**

This year's annual Roundtable Achievement in Coding Excellence (RACE) Awards have been announced. They recognize outstanding Coding Roundtable coordinators, component state associations (CSAs), and CSA teams who have met or exceeded the Clinical Coding Roundtable goals for 2013-2014. The Roundtables are designed to provide high-quality coding education within the HIM state organizations.

The awards will be presented Saturday, September 27 during the Clinical Coding Community Meeting at AHIMA's Convention & Exhibit in San Diego, CA, during the 12-1 p.m. lunch break. View the [full list of winners](#) on Engage.

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## **GET INVOLVED**

### **ATTEND THE FOUNDATION'S RESEARCH FORUM AT CONVENTION**

Learn about the AHIMA Foundation's research agenda on Sunday, September 28, 1-4 p.m.

Free, live events are being held across the country. Events are coming up in Kentucky, Wyoming, Montana, and Virginia.

[View the events calendar.](#)



Consulting firm Deloitte has released its annual survey of physicians' current use and overall views of **mobile health (mHealth)** technologies, **Meaningful Use (MU)** and **electronic health records (EHRs)**. On the subject of mHealth, 90 percent said they are interested in using mobile apps, while 24 percent they already use them. You can view the survey results as an [infographic](#).



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## DOWNLOAD THE CONVENTION APP & YOU MAY WIN A GIFT CARD



Registered Convention attendees who download the [Convention app](#) before September 26 will be entered to win a gift card. After download, enter the e-mail address you used to register for Convention and password AHIMA14 to complete setup. Find full [instructions](#) at our website under "Convention App."

And during Convention, be sure to stop by the **Appy Hour event, Monday, September 29, 3-4 p.m.**, in the AHIMA Booth. If you have an AHIMA app on your device or download one during the event, you will be entered to win a new iPad Mini.

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## NEW JOBS ON CAREER ASSIST: JOB BANK

[REMOTE CODING SUPERVISOR](#)  
Southeast

[Remote Coder - Inpatient](#)  
Nashville, TN

[HIM Coding Manager Trainee](#)  
New Jersey

[SENIOR HIM APPLICATIONS ANALYST](#)  
Southeast

[Compliance Analyst](#)  
Washington, Oregon

View [more](#) available positions.

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## VOLUNTEER FOR AHIMA IN 2015



**Apply by September 30** for appointed volunteer positions in 2015, including new task forces on standards, data and information analysis, clinical documentation improvement, coordination of care, and consumer engagement. Start by performing a [volunteer competencies self-assessment](#) or browse [available opportunities](#) now. Notifications will go out in November.

If you are attending AHIMA's Annual Convention and Exhibit, come to the **Volunteer Opportunity Session, Tuesday, September 30, from 3:15-4:15 p.m.** Get an introduction to the appointed and elected opportunities available at the national level, submit a nomination form, meet current and former Board members, and more.




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## LEARN HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ADVOCACY

Register for [Using Social Media for Advocacy](#), October 8 at noon ET, a free webinar by AHIMA's Policy and Government Relations office in Washington, DC. Learn how to use social media as an advocacy tool with both the public and the





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## APPLY FOR AN AHIMA DESIGNATED POSITION WITH CAHIIM



The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) seeks applications for an AHIMA designated director and three AHIMA designated positions on the CAHIIM HIM Accreditation Council. Three-year terms begin in January 2015. [Learn more and apply](#) through the Engage Volunteer Center by October 15.

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## HELP SPREAD BLUE BUTTON AWARENESS



Through October 6, AHIMA is participating in an Office of the National Coordinator campaign to raise the public's awareness of the [Blue Button Initiative](#). You can help spread the word by sharing a series of public service announcement videos about Blue Button, available at [myPHR.com](http://myPHR.com).

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**AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS**  
JOIN THE RANKS OF THE INDUSTRY'S  
PREFERRED ICD-10 TRAINERS!



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## EDUCATION & NETWORKING

### CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



**AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS**

[November 17-19](#)

### WEBINARS



*Webinars start at 1 p.m. ET and last 60 minutes.*

**October 16**  
[Using Social Media to Resolve](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

[December 1-3](#)

[Las Vegas, NV](#)

[December 2-4](#)

[Orlando, FL](#)

**AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM Only**

[November 17-18](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

[Healthcare Issues Within and Across Organizations](#)

**October 21**

[What's New in Health Informatics and How it Might Affect You](#)

**October 23**

[How to Avoid Greatly Increased Liability in the Business Associate Relationship](#)

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Take your ICD-10-PCS code set skills and competency to the next level. AHIMA's **ICD-10-PCS: Building Advanced Skills Workshops** are three-day, live, hands-on workshops support an intimate understanding of the ICD-10 PCS coding system and its application. Instructors use complex cases commonly encountered in an inpatient setting to facilitate active learning and retention.

Save the dates for upcoming workshops in the following locations:

- November 12-14  
Chicago, IL
- December 10-12  
Orlando, FL

Stop by the AHIMA booth at Convention to learn more.

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