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MHIMA 2010

Annual Meeting



Mark Your

Calendars! 2010 MHIMA Annual Meeting

Welcome to January 2010 Uplink

Welcome to the January 2010 issue of our MHIMA member e-newsletter, Uplink, now a monthly publication.

MHIMA wishes you a healthy and happy new year!

We're always interested in articles that are of interest to our broad MHIMA membership. Your article should be no longer than 500 words, and you receive **two (2)** CEU credits for your work. Contact [Executive Director](#).

Current and past issues of our e-newsletter are available under the UPLINK E-NEWSLETTER button on our website.

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Start making your plans to join your colleagues and friends at the 2010 MHIMA Annual Meeting. It's our 75th anniversary year, and the theme is "**Celebrate Our Past; Lead Into The Future.**" It is being held from April 28-30, 2010 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN. We are looking forward to national and local speakers on a wide variety of topics, sure to be of interest to you.

Coders: We're especially excited to have Dr. James Kennedy joining us for coding education on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning!

President's Message

Steph Luthi-Terry

Happy New Year! And what a year it is gearing up to be! MHIMA members have many critical issues facing their organizations. RAC's, potential changes to copy fee allowances on the state legislative front, electronic medical record implementations, healthcare reform. Status quo is definitely NOT in our vocabulary this year.

Most of us have been preparing for Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) reviews over the last several months, regardless of our healthcare setting. In the last several weeks, and especially this week, there is increasing activity on the CGI-RAC B website. CGI is the contractor CMS has identified to be responsible for coordination, request, receipt of RAC requests in Minnesota (as well as other states); Minnesota is in Region B.

There are two types of reviews: automated reviews (technical denials) and complex reviews (requires medical record requests). In the last several weeks, CGI has posted issues for ambulatory and outpatient hospital visits, durable medical equipment (DME), and just today (January 6) inpatient hospital issues added to the list. If you are not familiar with the issues posted, see the [CGI website](#). Issues must be posted on the website in order for complex record reviews to occur and copies of records requested. Issues posted are:

- Blood Transfusions
- Bronchoscopy Services
- Transfusions
- Neulasta
- Once in a life time procedures
- Untimed codes
- Wheelchair bundling
- Hospital to Hospital transfer
- Separately Paid Ambulance Service during Inpatient hospital review
- IV Infusion Chemotherapy and Non-chemotherapy – excessive units reported
- Pre-Admission testing

Also posted this week, "Additional Documentation Request" letter and the medical record submission requirements for paper, CD or DVD. Note that the CD/DVD encryption requirements for CGI are specific to their organization and differ from other RAC contractors (important if your organization does business in different RAC regions). I am anticipating complex review requests are imminent in the next few weeks.

MHIMA is actively involved and partnering with the Minnesota Hospital Association to review existing medical record copy fee structure as allowed by the Minnesota Department of Health and the threat of impending legislative activity to reduce the allowable charge. Diane Larson, MHIMA past-President, has developed a copy fee white paper and shared this with the workgroup as well as members of the MN House Judiciary Committee. The white paper addresses the Judiciary Committee concerns about the cost of copies, access to electronic records, improvements that may be made, as well as a summary of the state environmental survey done late this past summer. The workgroup continues to



Watch our MHIMA website for the final agenda. The meeting registration is now available [on line on our website](#). We look forward to seeing you all there!

2010 LTC Spring Meeting

The AHIMA Long Term Care Practice Council will hold its 2010 Spring Meeting at the Northland Inn, April 28-29, 2010, in conjunction with our MHIMA Annual Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved in LTC to experience an agenda packed full of timely topics. You don't need to be a member of the LTC Practice Council to attend. This meeting is open to all folks working in LTC, nationally and within Minnesota.

The registration information is posted on our website, separate from the the 2010 MHIMA Annual Meeting. [Click Here](#)

Check back frequently for updates as the Agenda is near completion. Great speakers have been secured.

MHIMA extends a hearty welcome to our LTC professionals in 2010!

work closely to develop strategies to address the concerns by the Judiciary Committee. Another meeting with MHA is scheduled later in the week with the intent that recommendations are able to be formulated for review by the Judiciary Committee. [Click Here](#) to read the **Copy Fee White Paper**.

It is only the first week of January, yet everyone is very busy anticipating and preparing for the many changes both inevitable and anticipated for 2010. Please remember/consider utilization of the CoP to start any discussions on RAC best practices, thoughts on copy fee legislation/regulation or experiences you may have that are pertinent to the HIM profession.

Stay warm!
Steph

2010 MHIMA Scholarship Applications Now Open



MHIMA is once again offering scholarships to Minnesota residents, or AHIMA members with MN designated as their state affiliation, who are enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state HIM program. The number of scholarships awarded and the award amounts will be determined based on funding availability.

Applicants must have completed 50% of one of the following programs:

- Accredited Health Information Technology or Health Information Management program
- Graduate program related to HIM in a college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
- Coding Certificate program
- AHIMA Coding Basics Interactive Campus program

Applicants must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0) and be a member of AHIMA.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to submit the following information:

- [Completed Scholarship Application](#)
- [Verification Form](#) from Program Director, verifying that student is in their last year and is expected to graduate
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor, faculty member or mentor
- An official school transcript of grades indicating cumulative GPA
- Completion of an essay: 300-700 words, titled "How I Will Use This Degree to Advance the HIM Profession"

Please refer to [Scholarship Guidelines](#) for further information.

The scholarships will be awarded on April 29, 2010, at the MHIMA Annual Meeting at the Northland

MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Coding Roundtable Tool Kits

The MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Committee has created several toolkits for use by MHIMA members to support coding education and discussion in your facilities and at your regional meetings. There is a "Do It Yourself" PowerPoint tool kit giving you the guidelines to set up a coding roundtable.

Additional tool kits on specific topics that have been developed to-date include Interventional Radiology, E&M, Heart Failure and the **newly updated Present on Admission (POA)**.

All are available on the [Coding and Data Quality button](#) on the MHIMA website. Watch for additional toolkits as they are developed!

Coding Audioseminar CDs Available

Looking for CEU opportunities at low cost? Consider the MHIMA coding audioseminar rental library. We have several CDs available and each is

Inn, Brooklyn Park. Winning essays will be published in the June 2010 MHIMA Uplink. **Completed application materials including essays must be received no later than February 26, 2010 and should be mailed to:**

MHIMA Executive Director
PO Box 16246
Duluth MN 55816-0246

AHIMA's Health Information Bill of Rights

The **AHIMA HI (Health Information) Bill of Rights** was established to lay the groundwork for the safe keeping of patients' health information, and was introduced at the AHIMA Convention in October, 2009. This **HI Bill of Rights** outlines seven model protections every American healthcare consumer should expect. A downloadable wall poster, designed for health facilities and physician offices, is available to AHIMA members to post in waiting areas and offices. [Click on the 10/5/2009 AHIMA Rights Bill link](#)

The **HI Bill of Rights** is also available to consumers on a wallet-sized card allowing consumers to discuss the protections whenever they visit a healthcare provider. For more information on AHIMA's promotional products for the HI Bill of Rights, contact [AHIMA Public Relations Department](#)

Lunch & Learn Webinars

MHIMA Audioconference/Webinar Education



MHIMA continues its audioconference/webinar series! Dial directly into these live presentations from your work environment. No travel required! Fit as many colleagues as you can into a room with a speaker phone and an internet connection. Your call is a toll-free number.

All sessions are from 12 noon to 1 pm and earn one (1) CEU for each attendee at each connection location. The registration fee of \$49 for MHIMA/AHIMA members (\$89 non-members) covers all the staff you can invite on one phone line/internet connection. Multiple phone lines require a separate registration for each line.

The next two webinar topics and dates:

Release of Information in the HITECH World, on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 12 noon.

Presenter is Lisa Kampa, MA, RHIA, CHP, Manager of Health Information Services/Privacy Manager at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul.

Registration Deadline: All registrations must be received in our office by 5 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

worth 2 CEUs. Here are some of the comments from folks who have rented the CDs:

- Coding Interventional Radiology Services: "excellent presentation"
- Coding for Cardiovascular Procedures: "excellent discussion with pertinent, helpful Q&A"
- Coding Kidney Disease & Treatment: "helpful; well presented"
- Coding for Diabetes: "excellent presentation with great examples"; "great information"
- Present on Admission Reporting: "presentation is well done; good use of examples"

For more information, visit our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website and scroll down to the ordering information on our audio CDs.

MHIMA Job Bank

Are you seeking a job? Are you an employer looking for a potential employee? Is your facility looking for someone with a skill set of MHIMA members? Be sure to check out the MHIMA Job Bank Network on our website. Here, you'll find information about registering as a "Job Seeker" or as an "Employer". New positions are posted frequently, so check us out often!

To download the ROI webinar flyer, [Click Here for ROI Flyer](#) .

Getting Practical with Critical Access Hospitals, on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 12 noon.
Presenter is Sarah Spoon, RHIA, Manager of HIM Regional Operations for Allina Hospitals & Clinics.

Registration Deadline: All registrations must be received in our office by 5 pm on Friday, January 29, 2010.

To download the CAH webinar flyer, [Click Here for CAH Flyer](#)

To register securely online for either webinar, [Click Here](#) and select the webinar of your choice.

Four days prior to the program, you'll receive an email containing instructions on how to download the presentation material for the conference, the codes to access the website and the conference call, and CEU information for everyone attending at your site.

Cancellation: Registration fees, less a \$15 cancellation fee, are refundable if notice is received five (5) working days before the program date.

Mark your calendars for our third upcoming webinar: **March 25th: ICD-10, presented by Gina Sanvik, RHIA.** Watch for more information on the ICD-10 webinar on our website and in the February issue of Uplink!

MHIMA 2010 Distinguished Member Nomination

The MHIMA Nominating Committee seeks your input for nominees for our 2010 Distinguished Member. This is MHIMA's highest award of honor and is not an elected award. The MHIMA Nominating Committee receives names of nominees and recommends selection of the Distinguished Member to the MHIMA Board.

This award celebrates and honors outstanding members of MHIMA for their loyal service to our state association and their contributions to our profession. Candidates must have been an active member of MHIMA for five (5) years or longer and have made an outstanding contribution to the profession in more than one of the following:

- Volunteer service to our association as an officer, director, committee chair or member, project or task force chair or member, CoP facilitator, or representative of the HIM field at governmental or state health care associations
- Outstanding achievement in professional practice through leadership in a specialty area or innovative approaches to methods improvement
- Leadership in education through regular presentations at HIM conferences or other educational events, respected instructor in academic HIM programs, or development of teaching strategies
- Contributions in research or published materials such as authorship, editing, or service on editorial boards for journals, books and other publications that advance the HIM profession

Job Seekers: There is no fee to register.

Employers: Job posting fees are very reasonable and reach all of our MHIMA membership. E-blasts of job announcements are also available.

[Click Here](#) to visit the MHIMA Job Bank.

2009 MHIMA Legal Resource Manual

The 2009 Legal Resource Manual is now available



for purchase! The Manual is a complete update of the 2007 version and includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with respect to health information practice. There are many new updates in every chapter. As one member states, "This is truly a valuable resource for anyone that works with health care." It's a compilation of best practices and experience of HIM professionals and the facilities they represent in Minnesota and has had legal review.

There will not be an

You can review the Criteria for Nominations and a list of prior MHIMA Distinguished Members by [Clicking Here](#)

Please email the name(s) of MHIMA members you wish to be considered, along with supporting nomination information, to [Diane Larson](#) before February 16, 2010.

 [PRINTABLE FORMAT](#)

update to the Legal Manual in 2010. The next full update is planned for the Spring of 2011. In the interim, significant changes in topics in the Manual will be posted on our website under the Legislative Updates button.

All HIM Departments should have this Manual. It's available on CD only and can be purchased from the [MHIMA website's main page](#). Order your manual today!

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