



MHIMA Uplink

March 2013

### Welcome!

Welcome to the **March 2013** issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, *Uplink*. We hope you enjoy our newsletter!

Feeling creative? Looking for some CEUs? We are always looking for authors of articles of broad interest to our MHIMA membership: about 500 words, worth **two (2)** CE credits for your original work. There are lots of "hot topics" in today's world of healthcare, Privacy & Security, e-HIM, ICD-10, etc. If you're interested in authoring an article, please contact MHIMA's [Executive Director](#).

Current and past issues of our e-newsletter are available under the [UPLINK E-NEWSLETTERS button](#) on our MHIMA website.

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### MHIMA Vision &

### President's Message



Ranelle Bauer, RHIT  
President MHIMA

Ranelle Bauer, RHIT, MHIMA President

Happy March!

Well, we have had a busy month! HF 427 and SF 44 were introduced regarding copy fees. Thanks to Sue Jensen for taking the lead on responding to this bill. This has slowed momentum but is still on the radar. Also HF 523 regarding releasing of deceased patient

medical records was introduced. Thanks to Stephanie Luthi-Terry for bringing it to our attention.

CMS has agreed to maintain their commitment to the date of October 1, 2014 for ICD-10 implementation. So please make sure that you are getting your ICD-10 credits for AHIMA. We have some opportunities to gain ICD-10 credits at our Annual Meeting on April 24-26, 2013 at

## Mission



**Vision:** The Minnesota Health Information Management Association, together with AHIMA, will set the standard and be the recognized leader in health information management practices, technology, education, research, and advocacy.

**Mission:** MHIMA is committed to the professional development of its members through education, networking, and life-long learning. These commitments promote high quality health information and benefit the public, health care providers, and other clinical data users.

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## MHIMA Member Spotlight

Greetings from the Marketing and Communications Committee!

It is our goal to highlight MHIMA members as a fun and interesting way to get to know our diverse and multi-talented group. Want to be in the spotlight? Know someone who should be? Please send names of individuals you would like to know more about, or volunteer yourself to "be in the spotlight"

Grand Casino Hinckley. We also have a great agenda. We also have 20 vendors that have committed and more to come. I hope to see everyone there!!!

We have one more board meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Allina Commons. Please feel free to join us!

Health Information Professional (HIPS) week is March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great time to promote our wonderful profession. Try to plan some events for the staff to participate. Some of things we are doing at Allina are a word find, HIPS bingo, and potlucks. Please visit [www.AHIMA.org](http://www.AHIMA.org) for other ideas and products.

May the luck of the Irish be with you!

Ranelle

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## Registration is Open for 2013 Annual Meeting at Grand Casino Hotel in Hinckley, Minnesota!

Registration is open for MHIMA's 2013 Annual Meeting scheduled for April 24 -26, 2013 at the Grand Casino Hotel in Hinckley, Minnesota. The Annual Meeting Committee is working hard on the plans to make this an exciting meeting you won't

in our monthly e-newsletter.

Criteria for suggested individuals might be, but is certainly not limited to:

New MHIMA member  
New to active involvement with MHIMA  
MHIMA member with an interesting or unique job

Forward your suggested name(s) to [Jon Cloutier](#) or [Amanda Maas](#).

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## Updated AHIMA PPE Guide - Professional Practice Experience

AHIMA updated the PPE Guide for Professional Practice Experience in 2012. This guide provides comprehensive information and best practices to students, academic faculty, HIM programs, and practitioners on the expectations for the professional practice experience that students undertake during their HIM academic program.

This update includes greater emphasis on distance education programs and examples of possible sites and project work in non-traditional HIM settings. In addition, the guide contains information on PPE content and length, the importance of work

want to miss! Heather Hodgson, RHIA and Katie O'Hearn, RHIA, CCS-P are heading up the committee this year as Co-Chairs, with assistance by Past Co-Chairs, Jen Callendar, RHIA and Brielle Wolf, RHIA.

The theme for this year's annual meeting is HIM:Champions of Change.

We are fortunate this year to have Kathyryn DeVault, RHIA from AHIMA presenting a two-hour session on ICD-10-PCS. You will also find sessions on Anatomy and Physiology of Aging, Health Information Exchange, Clinical Documentatation Improvement, Long Term and Post Acute Care and HIT in Minnesota, Transitioning to Enterprise Information Management, Disaster Planning in the Wake of the 2012 Flood in Duluth, MN, Personal Health Records, Real Time Access to Patient Records, Meaningful Use Stage 2, and Release of Information in an Electronic World.

The new electronic Legal Reference Manual will also be demonstrated.

Click here for [Online Registration](#). (Preferred method)

Click here for [Printable Registration Form](#).

Click here for [Program of Events](#).

If you register before **April 5**, you will take advantage of significant early discount rates. You can earn up to 15 CEUs by attending all three days. Don't wait--register now!

**Hotel** prices are very reasonable this year - around \$55 per room.

**Room Reservations** at the Grand Casino Hotel can be made by calling 1-800-468-3517, press 2 for Hinckley Hotel, and mention MHIMA to receive discounted room rates. Reservations must be made prior to **April 2, 2013**. Discount applies only to room availability. All guest rooms have complimentary wireless and wired internet. There is also complimentary WiFi in the hotel lobby and in the exhibit area. The Grand Casino Hinckley Hotel and Convention Center is located

behaviors, and student feedback and advocacy projects.

If you are interested in hosting a student in a professional practice experience, or want to learn more about the HIM education process or access the PPE guide on our MHIMA website, click [here](#).

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### **Staying Connected with MHIMA**

Want to stay connected with MHIMA? Be sure your AHIMA profile information is up-to-date.

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you changed positions? Do you have a new email address? Have you recently moved? MHIMA depends on the member information in your AHIMA profile on a regular basis, including how we communicate with you.

Take a couple of minutes today and visit the [AHIMA website](#), log in with your seven-digit AHIMA member number and your last name, and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update any old information.

In the section for **Component State Association (CSA) Selections**, may we ask that you check "YES" to select e-mails about products and

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## **Health Information Professionals Week The 2013 Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week will be held March 17–23.**

Health Information Professionals Week is a showcase for the thousands of health information management (HIM) professionals who perform their duties masterfully throughout the year. The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) is honored to provide support, representation, and training to HIM professionals for these valuable contributions to the healthcare industry. AHIMA proudly partners with the Canadian Health Information Management Association (CHIMA) in promoting our shared goals. We thank the members and facilities that make each Health Information Professionals Week a memorable addition to our rich history and for supporting the Week.

The following materials are available for you to print out and distribute to the public as well as healthcare and HIM professionals.  
Suggested Activities [pdf file]--COMING SOON!  
Article and Quiz for Healthcare Professionals [pdf file]--COMING SOON!  
Article and Quiz for the Public [pdf file]--COMING SOON!

[Press Release](#)

PowerPoint Presentation--COMING SOON!

[Official HIP Week Merchandise](#)

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services and "yes" to Postal Mailings. "CSA" stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email as our primary method of communication, and occasionally land mail. If you check "no" in either of these options, you don't receive either type of communication from MHIMA.

Remind your colleagues to update their profile as well.

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## 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, which continues to be very popular. New positions are posted on a regular basis. On the Job Bank page, you'll find information about registering as a "job seeker" or as an "employer." Check us out often!

**Job Seekers:** There is no fee to register.

**Employers:** Job posting fees are very reasonable and position postings are open to everyone visiting our Job Bank as a job seeker. E-blasts of job announcements are available for purchase and reach a targeted

## MHIMA Is on Facebook!

Please check out the new MHIMA page on Facebook! To find the MHIMA page, search for MN Health Information Management. Click "Like" to start receiving our MHIMA page updates!

We are looking to use this tool as another way to communicate to our members. So far, the following items have been added to the page:

- Calendar of Events
- Notes/Member Spotlights
- Pictures
- Uplink Article Reminders

The Marketing & Communications Committee is continuously adding new information to the page and we are always looking for ideas. If you have any suggestions regarding the Facebook page, please email [marketing-communications@mnhima.org](mailto:marketing-communications@mnhima.org) or send us a message using Facebook!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Maas, RHIA, CHPS  
Marketing & Communications Committee Co-Chair

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## 2013 Election for Board of Directors

The MHIMA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that our 2013 MHIMA Electronic Ballot is now OPEN for voting for president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and two delegate directors. Eligible voters are active members of AHIMA, excluding student members. You may vote only one time and the Electronic Ballot is open 24 hours a day, beginning Tuesday, March 5, 2013, and concluding at midnight on Friday, March 29, 2013.

We encourage you to vote TODAY, and to encourage your colleagues to do the same. Thank you to all of the MHIMA members who have agreed to place their name in nomination. Elected positions assume office on July 1, 2013.

audience of MHIMA members who receive emails.

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

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### **Stay Up-to-Date with MN e-Health**

If you aren't receiving the weekly electronic MN e-Health Update newsletter, consider signing up for it. This publication, from the MN Department of Health, keeps you current with issues related to e-health, including HITECH, Meaningful Use, Privacy & Security and others. You'll also find links to e-Health resources available for your use. To subscribe, click [here](#).

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### **MHIMA Promotional Items**

Stop at the MHIMA booth to check out the new MHIMA promotional items which will be available at the Annual Meeting in April! Limited quantities will be available so you won't want to miss out!

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Here is a direct link to the ballot: [Link to the 2013 Ballot](#)

We want to surpass last year's voting participation and support the future leaders of our state association. We encourage you to vote.

You can also access the ballot from our website's Members Only page, from our website's Calendar, or from the Minnesota CoP on the AHIMA website. Your seven-digit AHIMA ID is required in order to enter the ballot process and remember, you can only vote once.

Gina Sanvik, RHIA  
Past President, MHIMA  
Chair, 2013 MHIMA Nominating Committee

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### **Legislative Activity at the Minnesota State Capitol**

The House of Representatives and Senate have been very active recently in regards to healthcare and proposed changes to the laws and legislation within Minnesota.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, House File, Bill 427 was introduced into the House of Representatives to cut the current copy fee from its current rate to a flat rate of \$.10 per page and a flat \$10.00 retrieval fee with discontinuation of the annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index.

Due to this proposed change in legislation, meetings and discussions were held with HIM professionals and representatives from the Minnesota Hospital

Association (MHA) and the Minnesota Medical Group Management Association (MMGMA) to discuss how this proposed bill should be addressed. Also, a survey was sent out to HIM professionals across Minnesota asking them questions regarding their current release of information practices, in order to update the White Paper completed by MHIMA in 2009. The survey data is currently in the process of being correlated at this time, as the surveys were due to be returned by March 8<sup>th</sup>. While this bill is not defeated, due to the diligence of several key HIM professionals and others, it is removed from the agenda of the Health and Human Services Committee and has been quiet for the past few weeks.

The Legislative Committee continues to monitor several other bills in the House and Senate. They are as noted:

HF 427 & SF 044: As noted above

HF 523: Health record privacy modifications (from the MN Dept. of Health)

HF 547: Healthcare compact created

HF 589: Genetic information provisions changed. This bill came originally from the MN Dept. of Health. This bill was sent to AHIMA's office to ask for a comparison of this bill and the Federal "GINA" bill.

HF 824: MN Health Records Act provisions modified. It should be noted that the MHA supports this legislation.

HF 848: Original birth records and other adoption-related information provisions modified.

This list continues to be updated and reviewed as the House and Senate continue to enter new proposed bills. Take the time to review these bills and write/call/email your legislators with any concerns or questions. Go to [www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us) and search for them by name, i.e. HF 427.

Please contact Sue Jensen at [sue@medsuppliestrucare.com](mailto:sue@medsuppliestrucare.com) or go to <http://www.ahima.org/advocacy/default.aspx>, if you would like additional information about AHIMA's Legislative work and log into the Advocacy Assistant for help with letter writing campaigns, finding addresses for your Representative, etc.

Please contact Sue Jensen, RHIT Legislative/Advocacy KFA for additional information or if you have any questions at [sue@divinehouse.org](mailto:sue@divinehouse.org).

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## **Coming Soon: ICD-10-PCS Flashcards Go Mobile**

A mobile version of AHIMA's educational [ICD-10-PCS Flashcards](#) will be available soon for Apple devices and the Android phone, demonstrating the power of technology to transform learning, energize coding communities, and inspire innovative learning and thinking. The first step in mastering ICD-10-PCS is to become familiar with the terminology, structure, and format of the new code set. The app covers 31 medical and surgical root operations and the seven approaches, along with 16 cards that illustrate the character values of each of the of ICD-10-PCS sections, and will allow coding professionals to master ICD-10-PCS principles directly from an Android phone, Apple iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch.

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## Updated Maximum Charges for Patient Records - 2013

The Minnesota Department of Health has published the **Maximum Charges for Patient Records** February 2013, confirming the annual determination of maximum charges for patient records. When section 144.292 of the Minnesota Statutes applies, the maximum charges for 2013 are \$1.30 per page for copy charges and \$17.21 for retrieval fees. Pursuant to statute, these limits do not apply to x-rays. The provider may charge a patient no more than the actual cost of reproducing x-rays, plus no more than \$10 for the time spent retrieving and copying the x-rays.

You can obtain a copy of the February 2013 document by clicking [here](#).

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## MHIMA 2011 Legal Reference Manual

Do you have legal HIM questions? Do you wish there was a convenient reference you could have on your desk to answer many of them? The 2011 MN Legal Reference Manual on CD is ready to help you and is available for purchase!

The manual is a great resource for everyone in the field of HIM, regardless of your work setting. It pertains to all areas of HIM. Various chapters include topics such as health care records, record retention and storage, reporting requirements, legal proceedings and requests, disclosure of health information and patient access, consents, behavioral health records, long term care records, home care and hospice records, ambulatory care records, risk management, HIPAA, research, and medical identity theft. Feel confident in your research and decision making using MHIMA's MN Legal Reference Manual.

The co-chairs of our MN Legal Reference Manual committee are Andrea Heikkinen, RHIA, and Susan Schanno-Foss, RHIT. Email questions pertaining to the Manual or suggestions for improvements in the next edition (coming in 2013) to both [Andrea](#) and [Susan](#).

Attention Students: MHIMA supports students of HIM and offers a special discounted rate for AHIMA students who want to purchase the legal reference manual.

MN Legal Reference Manual pricing:

\$150 MHIMA/AHIMA members (from sales tax-exempt organizations)

\$200 non-members (from sales tax-exempt organizations)

\$90 student members of AHIMA with MN as their designated state and enrolled in a tax-exempt educational program

Individuals ordering from organizations who are not MN sales tax-exempt will be charged MN sales tax in addition to the prices listed above. Tax-exempt organizations must have a copy of their MN sales tax exemption form on file in the MHIMA Executive Director office.

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