



MHIMA Uplink

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Welcome to May 2011 Uplink

Welcome to the May 2011 issue of our MHIMA member and corporate partner e-newsletter, *Uplink*.



Remember, we are always looking for authors of articles of interest to our broad MHIMA membership: about 500 words, worth **two (2)** CE credits for your original work. Contact [MHIMA Executive Director](#).

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

If you would like to unsubscribe to our newsletter, please contact [Executive Director](#).

Keep your AHIMA Profile Current

When is the last time you reviewed the information in your AHIMA profile? Have you changed positions? Have a new email address? Have you recently moved? These are just a few of the data elements in your AHIMA profile, and MHIMA uses this information on a regular basis.

The AHIMA member profile was recently updated and has a bit of a new look. Take a minute or two right now, visit the [AHIMA Website](#), log in with your 7-digit AHIMA member number and your last name (capitalize the first letter!), and click on "My Profile/Dues Renewal." Review all of the sections and update the information as appropriate.

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

MHIMA Vision & 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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President's Message

Sue Jensen, RHIT



What a great month of April!! We had a fabulous turnout at the MHIMA Annual Meeting at Treasure Island Casino in Red Wing. Thank you to the Annual Meeting Committee for all of their hard work putting this meeting together.

The Annual Meeting Committee set a goal of increasing the number of attendees by 10% from our last meeting at Treasure Island, and we achieved this goal as 443 people attended the meeting. We also had 34 vendors at the meeting representing a wide variety of areas including schools, release of information companies, dictation and transcription companies and others. Thank you to our vendors for their support of MHIMA!

While three days may seem like a long conference, our presenters this year included an energetic motivational speaker, Matt Jones, who kept everyone up and moving. In addition, Margaret Skurka, the head of the International Federation Health Information Management Association was able to join us, discussing the importance of volunteering and staying involved in health information. The meeting was educational, enlightening and fun for all. The time seemed to fly by.

Wednesday evening, members of MHIMA enjoyed Midnight Bowling at the 24 lane bowling alley at Treasure Island with prizes going to the bowlers including highest and lowest scores. Thursday late afternoon, the vendor prize drawing was held and later that evening, the Distinguished Member dinner was held honoring Diane Larson. Over 160 members attended to honor her. Congratulations again, Diane!

Postal Mailings. CSA stands for the state that you want to be associated with as an AHIMA member. MHIMA uses email and occasionally land mail as our primary means of communication, and if you check "NO" in the email or postal mail boxes, you won't receive either type of communication from us. Thank you!

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Staying 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 will keep you up to date on issues related to e-Health, including HITECH, Meaningful Use, Privacy & Security and others, as well as provide links to e-Health resources available for your use. To subscribe, click [here](#).

Recently, the Glossary of E-Health Terms was announced. To download and print the printer friendly version document, click [here](#)

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The breakout sessions included information regarding Electronic Health Records, Meaningful Use, and ICD-10, in addition to a wide variety of training.

I would especially like to thank Pat Reymann, Registered Parliamentarian, for her assistance during the Annual Business meeting and her work with the MHIMA Board members instructing us on the proper use of Robert's Rules of Order, how to make motions and ensure that our meetings follow a standard protocol.

I also would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Laura Blabac and Ranelle Bauer, co-chairs of the Marketing Committee and the members of that committee. The "Coffee Theme" flyers and sign up forms for our volunteers and the associated coffee mugs and spoons were very popular. I look forward to the additional items that will be added to the store on the MHIMA website.

Congratulations once again to all of the Annual Committee members and especially our co-chairs, Karen and Christina, Diane Larson as our 2011 MHIMA Distinguished Member, and LaVonne Wieland for her willingness to volunteer and represent MHIMA on the AHIMA ballot for the Commissioner for the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). There is still time to go out and vote. Please support LaVonne and MHIMA by voting.

2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting

"Health Information: Innovation and Quality in a Time of Health Care Reform." Our 2011 Annual Meeting held April 27-29, 2011, at Treasure Island Resort & Casino Convention Center is now history! The educational opportunities provided were outstanding. We registered 443 attendees, 20% of whom were students! 34 exhibitors provided us important information about products and services that support our HIM services. The Xtreme Bowling Event on Wednesday evening was well attended and everyone had a great time.



We honored Diane Larson, MA, RHIA, CHPS, Director of Health Information at St. Luke's in Duluth, as our 2011 Distinguished Member. The Silent Auction ran for 2 days and generated over \$3700 in contributions to the AHIMA Foundation, on behalf of our MN Student Merit Scholarship Fund. We awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to eight very deserving HIM students. You can read their essays in the June issue of *Uplink*. The post-meeting survey is in process, and will continue until June 3rd. All attendees received information about access to the presentation handouts from our website.

Thank you to our 2011 Annual Meeting committee current co-chairs, Karen Teufer and Christina Wallner, past co-chairs Danika Brinda and Kristi Lundgren, and the entire team of volunteers who helped make this another great MHIMA annual meeting.

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 and new positions are being posted on a regular basis. 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!

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 for purchase.

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

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MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Roundtable Tool Kits

Mark your calendar for next year, when we'll be at the Sheraton Minneapolis South in Bloomington, April 25-27, 2012.

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2011 Annual Meeting Platinum Sponsors

Thank you to our 2011 Annual Meeting Platinum level sponsors. MHIMA appreciates your continued support!



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AHIMA 2011 Ballot

"Leadership in Action: HIM's Role in Healthcare Transformation." This is the AHIMA theme for 2011. Active voting members of MHIMA: have you exercised your leadership responsibility and voted for the AHIMA board of directors and CCHIIM Commissioners? Only 175 of our eligible voting members have voted to-date. MHIMA needs to **get out the vote!**

LaVonne Wieland, RHIA, CHP, a MHIMA member, is on this year's ballot for Commissioner for the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). MHIMA congratulates LaVonne on this nomination!

The polls opened May 2, 2011 at 12:00 am CDT and will close on May 20, 2011 at 11:59 pm CDT. All 1567 active voting members of MHIMA are able to cast your vote via the [myAHIMA web page](#).

The MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Committee's newest PowerPoint presentation, including case study questions, is "**Neoplasms - Carcinoid Tumor**" There is an accompanying case study answer presentation. This is one of several "tool kits" developed for use by MHIMA members to support coding education and discussion in your facilities and at your regional meetings.

Is there a tool kit topic that needs to be developed? Let your needs be known. Contact [Angela Jackson](#).

The general "Do It Yourself" PowerPoint tool kit gives you the guidelines to set up a coding roundtable.

Additional tool kits on specific topics that have been developed and are available include Interventional Radiology, E&M, Heart Failure, updated Present on Admission (POA) and Aftercare vs Follow Up.

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

And a reminder about your general coding questions: You are encouraged to use AHIMA's Coding CoPs for coding related questions. There is a general coding CoP community for coders as well as several for

Haven't voted yet? Do it today. Let's make this a record year for MHIMA's voter turn out.

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An Update from REACH

The regional HIT extension center for MN and ND

Shirley Eichenwald Maki, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA

REACH services are available to Minnesota and North Dakota providers of all types and sizes across the continuum of care whether they have:

- No EHR
- An installed EHR that is difficult or impossible to use
- A working EHR that needs to be optimized to fully benefit you and meet federal meaningful use requirements.

REACH is vendor neutral, but very knowledgeable about the leading EHR vendor products. Our client base represents 13 ambulatory and 7 acute care hospital vendors. REACH works with all eligible providers, regardless of which ONC-ATCB certified product the client implements to achieve meaningful use.

One of the newest products REACH is offering its clients to support their efforts to meet privacy and security issues—core measures within the meaningful use requirements—is a self-study “eBox.” The eBox provides comprehensive training so staff members understand privacy and security issues in general and the specifics for completing the mandated privacy and security audit. The eBox gives step-by-step instructions, check lists, templates and other tools to ensure providers can save money by completing the assessment themselves, without the expense of additional consultants. REACH clients are expressing particular needs in the areas of breach notification and risk assessment. The Privacy and Security eBox was developed by the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management and the Center for Healthcare Innovation at The College of St. Scholastica.

REACH is now serving over a thousand primary care providers, involving 295 primary clinic locations and 62 critical access hospitals; 35% and 51% respectively of its client recruitment goals. Client recruitment continues and will end on February 7, 2012.

REACH ranks 13 among all 62 regional HIT Extension Centers across the nation in recruitment regarding priority primary care providers; and ranks second regarding critical access hospitals engaged.

Click [here](#) to review the provider fees associated with REACH services.

Primary Care Providers and/or critical access hospitals can register for REACH services by going to www.khareach.org under “Get Started Today” or call 877 331-8783 Ext 222.

Update from [CMS](#) on the Meaningful Use Incentive Program:

specific coding areas. These CoPs are a great resource for submitting coding questions and participating in the discussion threads surrounding the questions of others. To participate in these CoPs, [Click Here](#).

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MHIMA Promotional Items

Check out our [MHIMA Store](#) on our website. You'll find tailored logo button-downs, cozy crews and hoodies, and a stunning sterling silver key ring, embossed with our logo, for sale. These items would make a great gift for yourself, a colleague, or to honor someone's achievement.

You can find these items at our MHIMA booth at the upcoming Annual Meeting also!

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a) Registration for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs is open. Eligible providers (EPs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) are encouraged to register as soon as possible. EPs and EHs can register before they have a certified EHR implemented. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it will implement protocols in May that allow EPs to designate a third-party (such as a practice administrator) to register and attest for them as part of the EHR meaningful use incentive program. Until that change officially occurs, however, each EP should register independently.

b) The Attestation System for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program opened on April 18, 2011.

There are several new resources available and more to come soon at the official CMS Meaningful Use Incentive Payment Program website to help EPs and EHs in their efforts to register and attest:
<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentiveprograms/>:

- An Attestation page
- A Meaningful Use Attestation Calculator for EPs and EHs to do a quick check to determine if they have met meaningful use guidelines BEFORE they actually attest in the Attestation System.
- Attestation User Guides for both EPs and EHs to provide step-by-step guidance on navigating the Attestation System.
- Attestation Worksheets (coming soon)
- Attestation Video Webinars (video versions of the user guides) demonstrating how the attestation process works (coming soon)

Note: For the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, providers will follow a similar process using their state's Attestation System. Minnesota's scheduled launch date is Fall 2011 and North Dakota's is in May, 2011. For the most up to date information go to:

Minnesota <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ehrincentives>

North Dakota <http://www.healthit.nd.gov/medicaid>

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MHIMA Board Transition

Your 2011-2012 incoming officers and board members were welcomed at our annual business meeting on April 28, 2011:

- **President-Elect:** Ranelle Bauer, RHIT
- **Secretary:** Katie Miller, MA, RHIA
- **Treasurer:** Kristi Lundgren, RHIA
- **Delegate Director:** Jean MacDonell, RHIA

They will join Gina Sanvik as President, Sue Jensen as Past-President, Danika Brinda and Janelle

Wapola as 2nd year Delegate Directors who all assume office (or continue to serve) on July 1, 2011.

MHIMA thanks Steph Luthi-Terry, Past-President, Cindy Glewwe, 2nd year Delegate Director, and Penni Drews, Secretary, whose terms conclude on June 30, 2011. On behalf of everyone in MHIMA, we are so appreciative of their leadership and commitment to the vision and mission of MHIMA and to our HIM profession.

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MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars



MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinar series continues. All webinars from this past year have been recorded and a DVD is available for purchase if you could not attend the live event. Visit the MHIMA website and click on the [HIM Education button/Online Learning](#) for complete details on the "live" events as well as ordering recorded webinars.

The next webinar on our schedule is:

- May 19: **Bridging the Gap: EDI -Electronic Document Imaging**, presented by Lisa Kampa and Heidi Onsted from Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. This webinar targets those facilities considering implementation of EDI (scanning) to their HIM workflow. Registration remains open through May 17, 2011.

This webinar is \$59 per "live" connection for MHIMA/AHIMA members, and worth one (1) CE for everyone participating at one site connection. Multiple connections at one site require separate registrations.

Archived versions are now available for \$49 for members, or a package of three for \$129.

The MHIMA webinar series is an opportunity to pick up needed information as well as earn CEUs at a very reasonable rate, and our presentations reach our members all across the state. We hope you take advantage of our webcasts!

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ICD-10 Education

Gina Sanvik, RHIA

MHIMA continues to provide you information about ICD-10 educational opportunities, whether they are in-person or on-line. Don't forget our archived webinar series, which can provide you with lots of

basic information to get you jump started. You can access any of our archived webinars from this [link](#).



We also want to bring to your attention an opportunity for some nearby AHIMA I-10 Training Academy locations:

- The Wisconsin Health Information Association (WHIMA) will co-sponsor an AHIMA ICD-10 Academy in Milwaukee on July 7-9, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This hotel is located close to the airport in Milwaukee. WHIMA is inviting all Minnesota HIMA members to attend. For more information, click [here](#).
- South Dakota will host the same Academy on August 24-26, 2011 in Sioux Falls, SD. You can find more information about this event by clicking [here](#).

ICD-10 Tip of the Month:

It is up to you to ensure you're up to speed on changes associated with ICD-10-CM. Fortunately, AHIMA has the resources needed to prepare for success. The [Body of Knowledge \(BoK\)](#) is loaded with relevant articles, practice briefs and position statements.

Another resource to use is *CodeWrite*. This resource is a monthly newsletter geared toward coders looking to stay on top of their skills and learn more. Each issue features "ICD-10 Checkpoint" to check your knowledge by comparing ICD-9-CM codes to ICD-10-CM/PCS codes. Find *CodeWrite* on the AHIMA website under the Coding Communities of Practice.

You can also visit the ICD-10 Implementation Community of Practice (CoP). Visit it to view ICD-10 community announcements, FAQs, resources, and more. Participate in the community discussions by posting a thread or commenting on another post.

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MHIMA 2011 Legal Resource Manual is Coming!

Great News! The 2011 Legal Resource Manual is available for pre-order! It's been updated and is currently in production. This Manual updates the last 2009 version. It includes the laws and rules that address the majority of issues that may arise with respect to health information practice. 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 again it's had legal review. All HIM Departments should have this Manual in their office for ready reference.

Our thanks and appreciation to the 2011 Legal Resource Manual team led by Heidi Onsted and Chris Bushaw for their extensive work in making this updated resource available for you.

MHIMA also thanks IOD, Incorporated, one of our corporate partners, for reproducing our 2011 Manual CD.

For more information, click [here](#).

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