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Welcome to November 2010 Uplink

Welcome to the November 2010 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](#).

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.



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.

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 four sections and update the information as appropriate.

In the section for **My Communication Preferences**, may we ask that you check "YES" under the CSA Selection box for emails and postal mail? CSA stands for "component state association" and it means 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!

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.

President's Message

Sue Jensen, RHIT MHIMA President



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I hope that everyone had a great Halloween. We now come into November and it is evident that change is all around. The trees have lost their leaves, winter has already given some of us a taste of the upcoming months, and stores are being decorated for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This past month has been very busy for the MHIMA regions. I would like to start by saying "Thank You" to Carolyn, Ilene, Wendy, and Katie for all of their hard work. Four Regions had meetings in October and I had the opportunity to attend three of them: Moorhead, Thief River Falls, and Granite Falls. All of the meetings were well attended, had impressive speakers, and I had a great time visiting with everyone. Region F also held a meeting on October 27th which was attended by Cindy Glewwe.

Every month as I sit down to write this article I think, "What can I share with you this month?" This past month, I have been working on leadership skills and during this time I have read several different articles and reflected on different pastimes I enjoy, which help to hone those skills. I just wanted to share a couple of those thoughts with you.

I love to attend auctions. Usually when attending an auction, I review the bill and attend with the purpose of purchasing a specific item. But while there, I always seem to find another "treasure" that I have to have. But to get that item, I always seem to find it is bundled with other items that I don't really need. So, the questions are, "What do I really need?", "Do you purchase all the items to get the one thing that you really want?" and "How much am I willing to spend to get what I want?" While at an auction these are questions that have to be answered quickly, because if you wait too long, you miss out on the opportunity.

The ability to make decisions quickly and efficiently is a skill that's utilized everyday, either in business or at home. These simple questions can be applied to purchasing products, expansion of a business, hiring of new employees or "What do I give for a Christmas gift this year?" How these questions are answered can affect all areas of your life. If you purchase cheap software, you may get the functionality you need now, but not be able to upgrade in the future. Then, additional time and funds will be spent on replacing that software and retraining your staff. So, spend time reviewing the options, while getting the best deal, keeping in mind your goals and the outcome you want.

On the schedule for November, MHIMA has the following items. November 12th, the MHIMA Board will be having a meeting at the Allina Commons. Region B will be having a meeting on November

MHIMA Legal Resource Manual

The 2009 Legal Resource Manual remains available



for purchase! This 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 it's had extensive legal review.

There will not be another update to the Legal Manual until 2011.

All HIM Departments should have this Manual in their office for ready reference. It's available on CD only and can be purchased from [the MHIMA Store button](#) on the MHIMA website.

MHIMA Job

18th and Region A has a meeting scheduled November 19th. In addition, Committees are hard at work regarding the Annual Meeting, Marketing and Communications, and other areas. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Myrna or myself and we will connect you with the appropriate Committee chairs.

Also, check the MHIMA website for scheduled webinars including ICD-10 and Meaningful Use this month, A tool for Medical Necessity Education in December, and additional webinars scheduled in 2011. At the price of \$59 for members, gather your friends and co-workers and get CEU's.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!



ICD-10 CEU Requirements for those holding an AHIMA Credential

The Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) published their continuing education requirements for AHIMA certified professionals in March, 2010, and recently updated that document on October 5, 2010.



AHIMA certification represents a high level of achievement and demonstrates proficiency and a broad base of knowledge. With the coming implementation of ICD-10, a major healthcare industry change that will bring the US in step with worldwide coding systems, CCHIIM has determined that **continuing education hours with ICD-10-CM/PCS content will be required between the period of January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013.**

AHIMA certified professionals will be required to participate in a predetermined number of mandatory **baseline** educational experiences specific to ICD-10-CM/PCS. These CEUs will count as part of all AHIMA certificants' total CEU requirements for the purpose of recertification. The total number of ICD-10 CEUs required, by AHIMA credential, is as follows:

- CHPS: 1 CEU
- CHDS: 6 CEUs
- RHIT: 6 CEUs
- RHIA: 6 CEUs
- CCS-P: 12 CEUs
- CCS: 18 CEUs
- CCA: 18 CEUs

Certificants who hold more than one AHIMA credential will only report the highest number of CEUs

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.

MHIMA Coding & Data Quality

Roundtable Tool

Kits

The MHIMA Coding & Data Quality Committee's newest PowerPoint presentation, including case study questions, is "**Neoplasms - Carcinoid Tumor**". There is an accompanying case

from among all credentials held. For example, if you have both an RHIA and CCS, you would normally report 40 CEUs per recertification cycle (30 for RHIA and 10 for CCS). 18 of these CEUs will be required to cover ICD-10-CM/PCS.

All certificants are encouraged to tailor their education specific to their job role. For example, if you are an RHIT and perform coding as a large percentage of your daily routine, you are encouraged to follow the requirements set forth for those specialized coding credentials.

MHIMA members: Please download [CCHIIM's FAQ Document](#) for full details.

MHIMA's strategic work plan will continue to include opportunities for you to earn these required ICD-10-CM/PCS CEUs through our educational offerings.

Regional Fall Meetings Continue

MHIMA regions continue their schedule of Fall meetings. These meetings are open to all MHIMA members living or working anywhere in Minnesota. For more information, visit the [MHIMA website Calendar](#).

- November 18: Region B (Northeast/Duluth)
- November 19: Region G (Metro)

Regions A, C, D, E and F have all held Fall meetings in October!

MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinars



MHIMA's Lunch & Learn Webinar series is underway for 2010-2011. All webinars will be recorded and available for purchase if you cannot 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.

Here's what one attendee said about our first webinar on October 28: **Overview of New HIPAA, CMS and MN Transactions** presented by Patrice Kuppe, CPHIT. "Patrice took a very complicated topic (5010 and beyond) and broke it down for the average HIM person to grasp, lots of web links for more information, recommend sharing with Patient Accounting folks, revenue cycle teams and compliance staff." This webinar was recorded and is available for purchase.

The next webinars scheduled are:

- **Are You Ready for ICD-10?** on Thursday, November 11, 2010. Presented by Gina Sanvik. This is the first in our series of ICD-10 readiness webinars. [Registration closes at the end of the day on Friday, November 5, 2010.](#)

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](#) or [Jessica Peterson](#).

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 specific coding areas. These CoPs are a great resource for submitting coding questions and participating in the discussion threads surrounding the questions

- **Meaningful Use: What's in it for HIM?** on Thursday, November 18, 2010. Presented by Sanjay Kohli. HIM professionals should be involved at the inception of any EHR meaningful use implementation plan. Registration closes at the end of the day on Friday, November 12, 2010.
- **A Tool for Medical Necessity Education** on Thursday, December 2, 2010. Presented by Jodi Hermann, RHIT, CCS and Carla Tobin, CCS. This webinar will provide you with a presentation tool that can be customized for your organization to help you educate your clinicians on the importance of medical necessity in their documentation. Registration closes at the end of the day on Friday, November 26, 2010.

Additional webinars currently being planned:

- The ICD-10 series will continue
- January: RACs
- February: Clinical Documentation Improvement
- February: REACH
- March: HITECH

All webinars are \$59 per connection for MHIMA/AHIMA members, and worth one (1) CE for everyone participating at one site connection.

A REACH Update

Shirley Eichenwald Maki, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA, a REACH associate from The College of St. Scholastica

The Regional Extension Assistance Center for HIT (REACH) – the regional health information technology (HIT) extension center serving Minnesota and North Dakota - was introduced in the July 2010 issue of UpLink. REACH works with its contracted clients to improve the quality and value of care delivered through the adoption and meaningful use of their electronic health record systems.

Over the intervening three months, REACH staff has been recruiting eligible health care providers to take advantage of federal discounts for EHR services through REACH. The next two months (November and December) are significant in REACH's recruiting/contracting effort because, under REACH's current agreement with the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), all new REACH contracts need to be initiated before December 31 to receive the deeply discounted rates. At the same time, REACH's HIT consultant staff is beginning to work with recently contracted clients.

In mid-September, REACH received approval for supplemental funding from ONC to expand its services to support Critical Access and rural hospitals. This means that Critical Access and rural hospitals in Minnesota and North Dakota can now receive subsidized assistance with their efforts to adopt and meaningfully use HIT.

REACH services are designed to support clients in their efforts to achieve stage 1 meaningful use in 12 months or less. REACH has developed a meaningful use assessment which is available for clinics that already have an EHR to determine how ready they are to meet meaningful use with their current EHR system. This assessment consists of a survey, an interview, and a dashboard to track the clinic's progress toward achieving meaningful use. An assessment will be available for hospitals (CAH and

of others. To participate in these CoPs, [Click Here](#).

Save-the-Date for the 2011 MHIMA Annual Meeting

Put the dates of April 27-29, 2011 on your calendar now and plan to join hundreds of your fellow MHIMA members at our 2011 Annual Meeting at the Treasure Island hotel and conference center in Red Wing, Minnesota. Your 2011 Annual Meeting planning team is already at work, developing a program that you won't want to miss. We are in a time of incredible and perhaps even unprecedented change in health care. Save the date!

MHIMA Key Rings for Sale



MHIMA has a stunning sterling silver key ring, embossed with our logo, for sale for just \$5.00. This key ring would make a great gift for yourself, a colleague, or to honor someone's achievement.

To order, [Click Here](#)

PPS <50 beds) in the near future.

REACH clients have access to these types of services: readiness assessments, practice and workflow redesign, assistance with selection of a certified EHR product, vendor contracting with the vendor of their choice, a process for EHR project management, EHR optimization and meaningful use, technical reporting, privacy and security best practices, and functional interoperability and HIE assessment and guidance.

REACH's approach to working with clients is focused on building the client's skills and providing the client with tools as needed to make HIT decisions and associated changes in an informed and sustainable way. This process emphasizes that technology is a tool — successful use of that tool requires the right leadership, culture, processes, and workflow. The REACH technical assistance model is a mix of on-site assistance, consultations, and group learning. In addition, REACH provides clients access to educational resources: toolkits, webinars, and links to online best practice resources provided by ONC.

More information about REACH services and educational events is available at the [REACH website](#). In addition, an October 21 presentation on REACH and Meaningful Use is available for download from the [Minnesota e-Health website](#).

MHIMA Members Reach out to HIT Students During HIT Week

Three Allina HIM professionals, Barb Fleischer, Shari Johns and Jessica Peterson, along with Katie O'Hearn from University of MN Physicians (also a Rasmussen faculty member) will be meeting with students in the Rasmussen - Brooklyn Park HIT Program during HIT Week. They've been invited to meet with the students at a "HIT Week Pizza Party" to answer questions and speak about the HIM/HIT profession. Thank you!



AHIMA and CHIMA have designated November 7-13, 2010 as Health Information & Technology Week. This year's theme is "Ensuring Health Information Integrity." This is a great time to celebrate your staff and your department! A Planning Kit was available in the August 2010 issue of AHIMA Advantage, and resources can also be found on the [AHIMA web site](#).

Call for Nominations for MHIMA 2011 Election

The MHIMA Nominating Committee, chaired by Steph Luthi-Terry, Past President, is seeking nominations for the MHIMA election ballot for the following positions.

- **President-Elect:** This is a three year-commitment, and the nominee must have been a MHIMA board member within the last five years, a MHIMA committee chair within the last three years, or

active in an AHIMA volunteer role within the last three years.

- **Delegate Director:** This is a two-year commitment, and the nominee must have been a MHIMA committee chair, held another elected office, or have been a Regional officer within the last three years. One Delegate Director will be elected in 2011.
- **Treasurer:** This is a two-year commitment.
- **Secretary:** This is a one-year commitment.

All nominees must be active MHIMA members with an AHIMA-approved credential. The election occurs in March of 2011, and the elected positions begin on July 1, 2011.

If you are interested, or if you want to recommend someone for consideration, please contact [Steph Luthi-Terry](#).

MN Health Information Technology Training Program

Normandale Community College is continuing to accept student applications for the Health IT Professional training program, a 6-month ARRA-HITECH funded HIT training program focusing on job-specific training for one of four workforce roles in the field of health information technology (HIT). This program was introduced in our September issue of *Uplink*.



Their second training cohort will begin on January 4, 2011 and applications will be accepted through December 31, 2010.

\$1150 of the program fee will be covered by federal financial assistance; the total student cost will be \$500.00.

For more information, [Click Here](#).

MHIMA Scholarship Fund Moves to AHIMA Foundation

Want to support our HIM students in their professional education? Want to obtain a **tax-deductible contribution** for your financial support? You can now do both! The MHIMA Board of Directors has approved an agreement with the AHIMA Foundation to move our Scholarship Fund dollars to a designated fund within the AHIMA Foundation. This fund will be known as the **MN Student Merit Scholarships**, and beginning immediately, all contributions to the AHIMA Foundation that are specifically designated to the MN Student Merit Scholarships will be added to our scholarship fund. Unlike MHIMA, the AHIMA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; thus, all contributions made to the AHIMA Foundation are considered tax-deductible.



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Through this new agreement, the AHIMA Foundation will administer our designated fund dollars on behalf of MHIMA. MHIMA will continue to determine the MHIMA scholarship selection criteria, solicit and review the applications, and determine the scholarship winners. The AHIMA Foundation will issue the scholarship award checks from our MN Student Merit Scholarships fund held at the Foundation.

MHIMA is very excited to offer this opportunity to everyone who is supportive of our MHIMA Scholarship program. You'll find more information, including a direct link to make your contribution by credit card, on the [AHIMA Foundation page](#) on our website.

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