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## (The News of Hawaii)

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### President's Message: Patrice Jackson, RHIT, CHP, CCS

## Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?

If you think you are beaten, you are.  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't –  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man.  
But sooner or later the one who wins is the one who thinks he can.

My father was a huge motivator. If he wasn't inspiring me with poems like this, then he was motivating me with his belt. (Well it's true... and that was a few years back when father's used belts). He had me memorize this poem. The author's name- escapes me- - (all these years later). It was never as important as the words for me - but I bet the author would disagree. Huh? If you know who wrote it, let me know. I will post an update next newsletter.

Anyway. I pull from this poem when I am sad, have a bad workweek, go off my diet... I wanted to share it in case it would help you during this time of transition. Summer is over. Gas prices are out of control. It's September and time to think about school - for the keiki. In the AHIMA Journal this month they venture into heading back to school ourselves. Why not? Heald has an excellent RHIT program which I am a "ah hem"... a part-time instructor... as are several folks in the community. If you go to AHIMA there are several online offerings as well for colleges and universities out of state at all levels from Coding Certificates to Master's level education. Check it out at--

<http://www.cahiim.org/directory/> or  
[http://www.ahima.org/careers/college\\_search/search.asp](http://www.ahima.org/careers/college_search/search.asp), for the approved Coding Courses.

Do power performers believe that anything that they can **conceive** in their minds and **believe** in their hearts, they can **achieve** in their lives. I think so, partly because I've seen it over and over in people who win, partly because of the poem in the beginning of this article... and partly because I really want it to be true. Nothing is ever out of reach our reach.

What about you? Are you putting this winning edge concept to work for you? If you have not done so already, there's no time like the present to get started. See your life just the way you have always dreamed it to be.

You should never, ever forget that anything that you commit your heart and soul to is within your reach. Believe in yourself and dare to live your dream today.

This newsletter is slam packed with some of the activities we have been working on. I don't want to steal the thunder. Education –Laura Sherril, Releasing info to law enforcement - Enlightening! The annual committee – working hard! Doing great things! Fundraiser – Cookbooks are coming in time for Christmas! "Can Do – Will Try" Attitudes all around me – Worth Catching - Join us!

See you soon!

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATIONS! TIME IS TICKING!!!!!!!**



**80th AHIMA Convention and Exhibit Registration Fees**

***Full Meeting Registration (postmarked on or before September 2)***

Registration includes General Sessions, Educational Tracks, one ticket to the President's Premier Celebration, and entrance into the exhibit hall.

AHIMA Member - \$485

Nonmember, including Dues - \$640

Nonmember - \$695

***Students - \$75***

Limited to AHIMA student members. Student membership number must be included. Registration includes General Sessions, educational tracks, Student Academy, and entrance into the exhibit hall.

**Cancellation Policy**

Other information: If you cannot attend the convention, you may provide a substitute or cancel your reservation. In either case, please notify AHIMA in writing as soon as possible. A \$75 processing fee will be assessed prior to September 10, 2008. After September 10, the full registration fee will be forfeited unless cancellation is due to an emergency. In an emergency, please fax AHIMA's Meetings Registrar at (312) 233-1500 with an explanation for your cancellation. Students may provide a substitute or forfeit their registration fee.



myPHR

## Don't forget your PHR while traveling to Seattle.

### **“Travel with your Personal Health Record”**

Many of you know how important it is to keep and maintain a PHR, but do you carry it with you when you're hundreds—or even thousands—of miles away from home? In a medical emergency, time is of the essence. Transferring medical records across states, oceans, and countries is not only difficult, it's sometimes near impossible.

We encourage you to bring your PHR with you whenever and wherever you travel. Whether it's a family vacation, an overnight stay, a business trip, or an international excursion, always leave home prepared.

Please remember to be prepared with your PHR when traveling to AHIMA's October Annual Convention in Seattle. Use this opportunity to train yourself to bring your health information along whenever you leave home.

You've worked to create it, now don't forget it! Set an example for others to show how versatile and useful it can be. Please remember to bring your PHR with you when you travel and encourage your loved ones to do the same.



## August 15, 2008

### HHS Proposes Adoption of ICD-10 Code Sets and Updated Electronic Transaction Standards

After more than a decade of waiting, the process to adopt and implement a replacement for the 30-year-old ICD-9-CM code set moved significantly ahead with the issuance late on Friday, August 15, 2008, of a notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). "We are excited to see that HHS has taken this significant step forward," noted AHIMA CEO Linda Kloss, "but now we must see a positive response to the NPRM so that final rules can quickly be issued and the healthcare industry can finally get implementation started."

The announcement issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS-below) indicates that display copies of the anticipated NPRMs have been filed. The official NPRMs—one related to adoption of the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS classifications and the second related to upgrades of the HIPAA claims-related transactions—will be published in the *Federal Register*, on Friday, August 22, 2008, and additional information will soon be available on the CMS Web site.

The CMS announcement includes a HHS date for compliance for the two sets of changes—October 1, 2011. Comments on the proposed rules are due no later than October 21, 2008.

To assist the industry and the HIM profession, AHIMA has announced a free 90-minute Webinar for the industry on the NPRM on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. AHIMA staff will also publish an analysis of the proposed rule.

As of Friday evening, the CMS and HHS links have not been activated. AHIMA expects the posted links to be available by Monday afternoon, August 18, 2008. The actual HHS press release follows.

**HHS Proposes Adoption of ICD-10 Code Sets and  
Updated Electronic Transaction Standards  
Proposed Changes Would Improve Disease Tracking and Speed  
Transition  
to an Electronic Health Care Environment**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced a long-awaited proposed regulation that would replace the ICD-9-CM code sets now used to report health care diagnoses and procedures

#### Events

**August 14-15**  
Clinical Coding  
Regional Workshops:  
Achieving Coding  
Excellence  
Salt Lake City, UT

**August 18-19**  
Legal EHR  
Conference: Ensuring  
Health  
Record Integrity  
Chicago, IL

**August 21**  
POA and DRG  
Methodologies  
audio seminar

**August 21**  
ACE Chat with Peers  
3 p.m. CDT

**September 8**  
Virtual Meeting:  
Medical Identity Theft

**September 11**  
ICD-9-CM Diagnosis  
Code Updates audio  
seminar

**September 16**  
Rehabilitation Coding  
and IRF PPS Update  
audio seminar

**September 18**  
ICD-9-CM Procedure  
Code Updates  
audio seminar

**September 23**  
Defining TPO—Are

with greatly expanded ICD-10 code sets, effective October 1, 2011. In a separate proposed regulation, HHS has proposed adopting the updated X12 standard, Version 5010, and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs standard, Version D.0, for electronic transactions, such as health care claims. Version 5010 is essential to use of the ICD-10 codes.

“We are taking a giant step forward toward developing a health care system that focuses on quality and affordability through the implementation of health information technology,” HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said. “The greatly expanded ICD-10 code sets will enable HHS to fully support quality reporting, pay-for-performance, bio-surveillance, and other critical activities. Conversion to ICD-10 is essential to development of a nationwide electronic health information environment, and the updated X12 transaction standards are a critical step in the implementation of these new codes.”

In 2000, under authority provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the ICD-9-CM code sets were adopted for use in the administrative transactions by both the public and private sectors to report diagnoses and inpatient hospital procedures. Covered entities required to use the ICD-9-CM code sets include health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and healthcare providers who transmit any electronic health information in connection with a transaction for which a standard has been adopted by HHS.

Developed almost 30 years ago, ICD-9 is now widely viewed as outdated because of its limited ability to accommodate new procedures and diagnoses. ICD-9 contains only 17,000 codes and is expected to start running out of available codes next year. By contrast, the ICD-10 code sets contain more than 155,000 codes and accommodate a host of new diagnoses and procedures. The additional codes will help to enable the implementation of electronic health records because they will provide more detail in the electronic transactions. This granularity will also help to improve efficiencies by helping to identify specific health conditions such as Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and other conditions.

“Now is the right time to move forward with the transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10,” said CMS Acting Administrator Kerry Weems. “We recognize that the transition to ICD-10 will require some upfront costs, but each year of delay would create additional costs, both because of the limitations of ICD-9 and because of the need to employ the greater precision that ICD-10 codes provide to support value-based purchasing of health care and other initiatives. We will continue to work collaboratively across the health care system to ensure a smooth transition to use of the updated transaction standards and ICD-10.”

The ICD-10 code sets proposed rule would concurrently adopt the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for diagnosis coding, and the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) for inpatient hospital procedure coding. The new codes would replace the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Volumes 1 and 2, and the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (CM) Volume 3 for diagnosis and procedure codes, respectively.

Updated versions of current HIPAA electronic transaction standards require the use of the ICD-10 code sets for claims, remittance advice, eligibility inquiries, referral authorization, and other widely used

You Stretching the Privacy Rule Limits? Webinar

**September 25**  
CMS IPPS Update audio seminar

**October 2**  
Coding Septicemia, SIRS and Sepsis audio seminar

**Upcoming AHIMA Convention & Exhibit Dates and Locations**

October 11–16, 2008  
Seattle, WA

October 3–8, 2009  
Dallas, TX

September 25–30, 2010  
Orlando, FL

October 1–6, 2011  
Salt Lake City, UT

transactions. The currently adopted standard, Version 4010/4010A1 of the American Standards Committee X12 group, cannot accommodate the much larger ICD-10 code sets.

Under the updated transaction standards proposed rule, compliance with Version 5010 (health care transactions) and Version D.0 (pharmacy claims) would be required by April 1, 2010. In that rule, a standard for the Medicaid pharmacy subrogation transaction is also proposed. Medicaid pharmacy subrogation is the process by which state Medicaid agencies recoup funds for payments they have made for pharmacy services for Medicaid recipients, in cases where another third party payer has primary financial responsibility. Compliance would be required two years after the effective date of the final rule, except for small health plans, which would have an additional year.

Both regulations may be viewed [here](#).

Comments on the ICD-10 code sets proposed rule are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on October 21, 2008.

Comments on the updated transaction standards proposed are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on October 21, 2008.

Fact sheets describing both proposed rules will be forthcoming [here](#).

Note: All HHS press releases, fact sheets and other press materials are available [here](#).

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### **[Free ICD-10 Webcast Now Available](#)**

AHIMA is offering a free, informational, pre-recorded Webcast to educate healthcare and HIM professionals on the contents of the ICD-10 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), our initial interpretation, important dates, impact on the industry, and next steps in the transition. This webcast is a recorded version of a live event originally broadcast on August 26 and reviews the what and why of an NPRM, who will be affected and how, how ICD-10 differs from ICD-9, benefits of the upgrade to ICD-10, and responding to the NPRM. Faculty members are Sue Bowman, RHIA, CCS; Mary Beth McCoy Haugen, MS, RHIA; Lynn Kuehn, MS, RHIA, CCS-P, FAHIMA; and Dan Rode, MBA, FHFMA. Please note that no resource book or CEUs are provided with this webcast. To access the Webcast, click [here](#).

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### **AHIMA'S FORE DONATION—NOT-SO-SILENT AUCTION**

This year's HIMAH FORE Donation for AHIMA's 80<sup>th</sup> convention in Seattle Washington will be a beautiful hand crafted Hawaiian Quilt. Don't forget to stop by and view the display and bid on the many wonderful items from each CSA and sponsors.

# HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

November 2–8, 2008, is Health Information and Technology (HI&T) Week

HI&T 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.



This year's theme, "The Strength of Technology, The Power of Care" is intended to spread the idea that sound principles are maintained as medical information evolves from the paper to the electronic world.

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 HI&T Week a memorable addition to our rich history and for supporting HI&T Week 2008.

The following materials are available for you to print out and distribute to colleagues and community members.

[Suggested Activities](#) [PDF file]

[Article and quiz for healthcare professionals](#) [PDF file]

[Article and quiz for the public](#) [PDF file]

[Selection of official HI&T Week products](#)

Press release—Coming soon.

PowerPoint presentation—Coming soon

Downloadable logo, for use in electronic and print media subject to limitations. **Important! Before using the logo file, please read the following usage notice carefully.**

[Logo Usage Notice](#)

[Jpg format logo](#)



## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM UPDATES!

**Congratulations to Kimberly Aciereto and CeCe Masuda, who has recently passed their RHIT exam. Kimberly and CeCe were part of Heald Collage's first HIT graduating class in January 2008.**

**Kimberly is currently employed by Tripler Army Medical Center as a coder and CeCe is currently employed by Straub Clinic & Hospital in Tumor Registry.**

**CONGRATULATIONS Ladies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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## HIMAH'S PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY WORKSHOP

By: Emma Thompson,

### HIMAH Education Committee Update

Our August education session on Release of Information was a success! Ms. Laura Sherrill, HIM Director, Queens Medical Center, spoke to a standing room only crowd and was an absolute hit!

We have received many positive responses on the education session – we would love to have Ms. Sherrill speak at our Annual Meeting in May 2009.

Thank you to the 2007-2008 Education Committee for coordinating this session, special thanks to Audrey Nishio and Norene Ihori.



Presenter Laura Sherrill, RHIT, Privacy Officer, Queens Medical Center



## FORE Triumph Awards

[Nomination Form](#) | [Nomination Guidelines](#) | [Award Categories](#) | [Recipients](#)

The FORE Triumph Awards program is made possible by a very generous grant from 3M Health Information Systems (*For more information, click on their logo to be taken to their Web site.*)

AHIMA has a long and cherished tradition of honoring the excellence, dedication, and service of those professionals whose steadfast efforts have bettered the health information management (HIM) field. This time-honored celebration of outstanding accomplishment continues with the 2009 FORE Triumph Awards.

The FORE Triumph Awards are national awards designed to recognize those special individuals who have made a difference in the HIM profession. This awards program was developed as part of the Foundation of Research and Education's (FORE's) campaign to forecast future trends in HIM, envision HIM roles in the future, and focus on emerging HIM knowledge and skills. The FORE Triumph Awards honor leadership in the HIM field, reward contributions that build our knowledge base, recognize excellence in preparing future HIM professionals, and encourage fresh talent and new leadership.

We need your help to ensure that worthy individuals are recognized. It all starts with a nomination. It's easy to show your appreciation for the outstanding contributions of a remarkable individual. Simply review details of the award categories and complete the nomination form. **The 2008 FORE Triumph Award nominations process is now closed. Nominations for 2009 are due by June 1, 2009.** Make sure your nominee has a chance at the recognition he or she deserves. If you have any questions, please contact [Marilyn Render](#).

The 2008 Awards will be [presented](#) at AHIMA's National Convention and Exhibit in Seattle, WA

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### CoP: News that you can use.

HIMAH CoP Facilitator      vad@hawaii.rr.com

Did you know that there are 149 Communities of Practice and new ones being born every day? Did you know that if you have a specific interest in the HIM world that you can suggest a community? What kind of job do you do in the HIM world? Is there someone else out there that is doing the same thing or something very similar? In cruising through what is already offered I found a few that are not the average kind of CoP. Did you know that there is one for Veterinary HIM? One that helps promotes diversity in the HIM field? There's an international HIM professionals CoP and even one for those in the military healthcare field. Our HIM world is unique, and we can do so much to learn more about it and promote it while having great conversations along the way. Have you visited your COP lately?

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## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Aloha everyone! The Fundraising Committee is currently working on the development of HIMAH's first Cookbook for sale. The cookbook will hold 200 plus recipes from HIMAH's members and non-members and we promise all recipes will be delicious. If you have a recipe or two to share, please send to [groovygirl551@lycos.com](mailto:groovygirl551@lycos.com), by September 22, 2008, or before; recipes' owners will be acknowledge in the cookbook.

We will be accepting pre-orders for the cookbook during the upcoming weeks; I've included an order form for your convenience. The price of the cookbook will be \$10.00; we feel this is a reasonable price and a great gift idea for an upcoming birthday or Christmas gift.

In addition, local advertisements are being accepted for the cookbook. The price of an ad is \$150 for a full page and \$75 for a half page—display your company's name in print. If interested, please contact Debra New at 433-2533 or 781-1549 and leave a message.

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## HIMAH COOK BOOK

(Pre-order form)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$10.00 each**

**Number of books purchasing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed dollar amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected delivery date: 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of November**

**Mail order forms and money to:**

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**HIMAH BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HARD AT WORK FOR YOU!**

**If you have been thinking about volunteering and joining the HIMAH board, contact a board member and ask about their board positions, they'll be happy to talk to you about getting involved in your Association.**



# HIMAH'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS!

## By Carol Lum

### ANNUAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2009 HIMAH Annual Convention Committee is pleased to report that a meeting venue has been selected and approved by the Board of Directors. Please reserve **May 6, 7 and 8, 2009 (Wednesday through Friday)** for the latest information and educational opportunities for health information professionals. More details will follow as they become available.

The committee will be sending out a HIMAH Conference Edition of the newsletter, with details on 2009's convention, and an evaluation of 2008's convention in the near future via an email blast—so be on the look-out.

Please e-mail Carol Lum, [clum1007@yahoo.com](mailto:clum1007@yahoo.com) and Kathy Tsumura, [katsu914@gmail.com](mailto:katsu914@gmail.com) with any suggestions on topics and speakers. In May you provided some agenda topics and speaker suggestions via evaluation comments, and we plan to incorporate these in this year's agenda topics. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and please share your thoughts and suggestions with the Committee as we continue to plan for your 2009 HIMAH Annual Conference.

# UPCOMING Events

## HIMAH EVENTS

9/12/2008 – 9:00 Am—4:00 PM, HIMAH Strategic Planning Meeting

May 6, 7 & 8, 2009—HIMAH Annual Conference –Hilton Waikiki, Prince Kuhio

### [Audio seminar/webinar: FY09 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code Updates](#)

**9/16/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: FY09 Rehabilitation Coding and IRF PPS Update](#)

**9/18/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: FY09 ICD-9-CM Procedure Code Updates](#)

**9/23/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Webinar: Defining TPO--Are You Stretching the Privacy Rule Limits?](#)

**9/25/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: FY09 CMS IPPS Update](#)

**10/2/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: Coding Septicemia, SIRS and Sepsis](#)

**10/11/2008 to 10/16/2008**

[2008 AHIMA Convention and Exhibit — Seattle, WA](#)

**10/23/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: Medical Necessity for Outpatient Services](#)

**10/30/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: Facility Specific ICD-9-CM Coding Guidelines](#)

**11/3/2008 to 11/4/2008**

[Renaissance for the 21st Century: Leading the Change to EHR - Chicago, IL](#)

**11/6/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: Facility Coding for ED Services](#)

**11/11/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Webinar: Defining Minimum Necessary--Are You Stretching the Limits of the Privacy Rule?](#)

**11/13/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio seminar/webinar: CY09 OPSS Update](#)

**11/20/2008 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM CT**

[Audio semina/webinar: "Coding Clinic" Update](#)

# URL Links at your Finger Tips

## IMPORTANT URL LINKS AT YOUR FINGER TIPS:

[WWW.AHIMA.ORG](http://www.ahima.org) --Official link to AHIMA home page  
[WWW.JCAHO.ORG](http://www.jcaho.org) --Official link to JCAHO home page  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp> --Official link to CMS home page  
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health> --Official link to DOH home page  
<http://www.heald.edu/programs/healthcare.htm> --Heald College Health Information Technology Program

For additional home page links, access HIMAH's web site, click under the Legislative/Regulatory tab.

## I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you wish to make any suggestions regarding the HIMAH Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Vanessa Duplechain with your input.

Vanessa can be reached at 255-8317 or [vad@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:vad@hawaii.rr.com) publications:

Upcoming Newsletter Dates:

September 15 2008

December 15 2008

March 15 2009

June 15 2009

If you plan to submit an article or information to share in future newsletters, please allow ample time, at least three weeks, prior to the next scheduled newsletter release.