

# News and Views

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**NHIMA Board:**

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**Dates to Remember:**

November 16, 2018 - ICD-10-CM/PCS Workshop, Howard Hall, Clarkson College, Omaha, NE  
April 10, 11 & 12, 2019 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fall and Fellow HIM Professionals!

Fall is a fun time of year with the change in weather, leaves that are changing in color and falling, and also a time to prepare and reflect on the new things to come.



We are headed into new changes as usual in the healthcare field...specifically in the HIM field, we learn of the new ICD code changes, healthcare policies, strategic plans, and the vision for the future of Health Information Management.

AHIMA is celebrating 90 years and of those years the House of Delegates have met for 72 years. Delegates from each state meet on an annual basis in conjunction with the AHIMA National Convention. This year the House of Delegate meeting was full of breakout sessions and very energetic conversation. Representation was heard from 48 out of the 52 Component State Associations (District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are included).



*Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS and Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS are standing with the Nebraska flag at the House of Delegate meeting held in Miami Beach, Florida in September.*

The Delegates for Nebraska for the 2018-2019 year include: Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS, Mindi Benis, RHIA, CCS, Jean Scharfenkamp, RHIA, Jessica Fiorelli, RHIT, CCS, CPC, and Liz Bechtle, RHIA, CPHIMS. During the House of Delegate meeting, there was a vote that took place to approve the new House of Delegate Policies and Procedures. In attending the House of Delegate meeting, the past three years, this was the FIRST in-person vote I have been a part of as a Delegate. AHIMA is listening and wants to hear the members' voice and feedback.

Lively discussion occurred about apportionment and if changes should be made to this current structure. As listed above, Nebraska is allowed to have 5 delegates vote and attend the House of Delegate meeting. Nebraska was very active in the apportionment structure in 2009 and helped to keep the number of delegates as is. After much discussion during the recent meeting, a polling vote was taken of the component state associations and the poll settled that the apportionment should be left in the current structure.



*Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS is pictured during the polling at the House of Delegate meeting.*

A powerful message was shared by the CEO of AHIMA, Dr. Wylecia Wiggs Harris, at the House of Delegate meeting. She shared the ongoing strategy reset of AHIMA. Among that message was also discussion about the HIM Reimagined initiative. There were several recommendations made for the envisioned future of HIM:

- Further consideration needs to be given to the RHIT and RHIA credentials in terms of specialization and requirements for various roles
- Professional Practice Experience (PPE) faces challenges in placing students but provides tremendous value
- Re-evaluation of AHIMA certification portfolio to determine value
- “We are all not the same but we are one profession”

Social Media communication with NHIMA members is becoming more frequently used. NHIMA has been using a Facebook page for the past two years to communicate and share pertinent information with the NHIMA membership.

Coming soon will be an updated page to keep all HIM Professionals aware of the new information, changes, and benefits of being a member of NHIMA. Stay tuned for more information coming.



The NHIMA Board of Directors continues to meet on a regular basis and meets face-to-face in Columbus during this Board year. The NHIMA Board, along with the various Committees are planning several educational events throughout this year. We look forward to seeing you at these events. I encourage each and every one of you to attend one or more events throughout the year and take an opportunity to network with someone new. You will have opportunities to meet a number of quality people and expand your perspectives. Personally, I had no idea what to expect when I joined NHIMA 15 years ago, and now, I couldn't imagine my professional life without this network of other like-minded professionals! We are headed into change as the vision of HIM continues to evolve. In closing, I will leave you with this quote - *"Sometimes in the waves of change, we find our true direction."* Unknown



*Image taken from sunrise at Miami Beach, Florida*

I look forward to serving you as the President throughout the next year. I hope to see you at a NHIMA event soon!

Sincerely,

Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS  
President, NHIMA

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### **THEY'RE HERE!! 2019 ICD-10-CM/PCS CHANGES**

The Center for Disease Control released the 2019 ICD-10 CM codes which are effective October 1, 2018 through September 31, 2019. The release includes 279 new codes, 51 deleted codes, and 143 revised codes. As of October 1, 2018, there will be 71,932 active ICD-10 CM codes. The following chapters have the most changes:

Chapter 2: Neoplasms – all 45 new codes in this chapter are related to the upper/lower eyelids right or left eye

Chapter 7: Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa – now specify upper or lower lids

Chapter 11: Diseases of the Digestive System – 15 new codes some demonstrating a breakout of generalized versus localized peritonitis in association with acute appendicitis – additionally five deleted codes and one revised

Chapter 14: Diseases of the Genitourinary System – 17 new codes related to urethral strictures to further specify anatomy, underlying cause and patient gender – plus two deleted codes and one revised

Chapter 15: Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium – 18 new codes covering triplets, quadruplets and other specified multiple gestations

Chapter 16: Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period – 25 new codes dealing with newborn complications related to maternal drug use, metabolic disorders in the newborn and newborns affected by the Zika Virus – 5 deleted codes to be replaced with more specific new codes

Chapter 19: Injury, Poisoning, and Certain Other Consequences of External Causes – 54 new codes, 3 deleted and 87 revised

The chapters noted above have the most changes. Chapters 1, 3, and 8 have no new, deleted or revised codes. Every practice should review and be aware of changes that affect them.

Most code revisions were spacing or spelling corrections.

There are only 176 new spaces added to PCS since 2018. In 2018, there were 78,705 codes. For 2019, 392 codes were added, 8 codes received revised titles, and 216 codes were deleted.

Remember that there will be no more GEMs updates. The 2016 PPS Final Rule stated that the GEMs would be updated for approximately 3 years after ICD-10 implementation. 2018 was the last update.

*REFERENCE:* <https://www.m3meridian.com/resources/insights/summary-2019-icd-10-code-additionsrevisionsdeletions/>

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### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendars!! The Coding Roundtable is hosting an ICD-10 CM/PCS updates workshop on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at Clarkson College in Omaha, NE from 9-4 featuring Maria Ward from AHIMA. The day will begin with CM updates/case studies and the afternoon will include PCS updates/case studies. Please bring your code books!! Handouts will be available prior to the meeting. Registrants will be able to submit coding questions to Maria until Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> so register early to take advantage of this opportunity! This workshop will be worth 6 CEUs! To register go to <https://www.nhima.org>

Registration Fee:

AHIMA/NHIMA members \$125

Non-members - \$150

Students - \$35

A late fee of \$25.00 will be added if registration for the workshop occurs on 11/12/2018 or after. Walk-ins will be accepted the day of the workshop. A late fee will be added to the registration pricing.

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## ASSEMBLY ON EDUCATION



*Susan and Jennifer of South Carolina and Sarah Fuerhoff, RHIA and Tina Mazuch, RHIA, CCS of Nebraska having a meal together at the St. Elmo's Steakhouse in Indianapolis, IN in July. The restaurant is well known for its "World Famous Shrimp Cocktail." The Assembly on Education meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana this year.*

It is great that NHIMA supports educators by having the educator scholarship available to attend the Assembly on Education. Attending the Assembly on Education is important because it allows educators to network with fellow instructors and also attend a variety of speakers and presentations to get new ideas and best practices for classes they teach. It was also an opportunity to get a first-hand look at new textbooks and technology from different vendors. I thought this summer's Assembly on Education was very helpful with learning more on proposed changes in curriculum and how the RHIT credential will look in the future if proposed changes are approved. It was also very interesting to learn what other educators thought of proposed changes and their feedback.

Thank you for the scholarship to attend the Assembly on Education, it is greatly appreciated.

Sarah Fuerhoff, RHIA  
HIMS Instructor  
Northeast Community College

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to the newly credentialed NHIMA members!

Lois Brown CCS-P

Rebecca Crase, CCS-P

Heather Smolik, CCS

Theresa Segan, RHIT

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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Craig Divis is the recipient of the 2018 NHIMA scholarship. Craig attends Clarkson College in Omaha and is currently employed as a Medical Record Clerk at Columbus Community Hospital. Craig will serve as the Student Representative on the NHIMA Board. Congratulations Craig!

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## PROFESSIONAL PROMOTIONS

NHIMA member Katie Gartner, RHIA, represented the HIM profession at the University of Kearney (UNK) Annual Health Careers Fair, held on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE. Katie shared the fair was a success with over 300 high school students attending, including freshman through seniors. In addition, attendees included over 100 UNK Pre-Health students.

Katie shared this was a great opportunity to educate students, parents, and educators that came with students as many had never heard of our profession. She found it interesting the top questions were: “Where do you go for this education?” and, “Where do these people work and what are example jobs?”

She further shared, while our brochure materials listing and showcasing the Nebraska HIM programs were a great to start discussions, she enjoyed further general discussion with the attendees expanding on types of roles HIM encompasses.

Katie’s message reminds us to all be advocates in promoting HIM to students and educators. The opportunities are exciting!

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