IHIMA Newsletter

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ACT NOW: Urge the U.S. Senate to Address Patient Misidentification
From Lauren Riplinger, JD, Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs, AHIMA

In June, the US House of Representatives adopted an amendment striking language in the House FY20 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (Labor-HHS) Appropriations bill that prohibits the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from using federal funds to promulgate or adopt a unique patient identifier. Striking this language will give HHS the ability to evaluate a range of patient identification solutions that protect patient privacy and are cost-effective, scalable, and secure.

Now that a budget deal in Congress has materialized, we expect the US Senate to move quickly to consider the Senate FY20 Labor-HHS appropriations bill this fall. **Before Congress returns in September, we ask that you contact your US Senators via AHIMA's** Advocacy Action Center **to encourage them to remove this archaic ban.**

For nearly two decades, innovation and industry progress has been stifled due to broad interpretation of this language included in Labor-HHS bills since FY1999. More than that, without the ability of clinicians to correctly connect a patient with their medical record, lives have been lost and medical errors have needlessly occurred. These are situations that could have been entirely avoidable had patients been able to have been accurately identified and matched with their records. This problem is so dire that one of the nation's leading patient safety organizations, the ECRI Institute, named patient identification among the top ten threats to patient safety.

The absence of a consistent approach to accurately identifying patients has also resulted in significant costs to hospitals, health systems, physician practices, long-term post-acute care (LTPAC) facilities, and other providers, as well as hindered efforts to facilitate health information exchange. According to a 2016 study of healthcare executives, misidentification costs the average healthcare facility $17.4 million per year in denied claims and potential lost revenue. More importantly, there are patient safety implications when data is matched to the wrong patient and when essential data is lacking from a patient's record due to identity issues. The 2016 National Patient Misidentification Report cites that 86 percent of respondents said they have witnessed or know of a medical error that was the result of patient misidentification.

Contact your US Senators today and urge them to strike this archaic ban from the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2020.

To contact your US Senators, please visit AHIMA's Advocacy Action Center. To expedite correspondence, we have generated a message to your US Senators. Members must type in their zip code and personal information to express their support for removal of the ban.

Your support is critical to advancing a nationwide patient identification solution. Thank you for everything that you do for the HIM profession and AHIMA.

**It's not too late! The U.S. Senate is back in session on Monday, September 9th!
Email your U.S. Senators TODAY!**

A Message from IHIMA's Legislative Committee
By Bonnie Aspiazu, JD, RHIA and Ashley Hendry, MBA, MSL, RHIA
2019-2020 Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

Patient matching has long been a topic for HIM at AHIMA Hill Day, as this is an important and complicated issue that needs addressed nationally. The push for a unique patient identifier can help with the Meaningful Use and sharing of data between providers, improving care across the continuum. At this time there is not a standard rule regulating even the information that we obtain at the point of registration and patient verification.

To maximize the safety and security of patient medical records, steps must be taken to ensure the proper matching of healthcare information in electronic health records to allow and promote interoperability through health information exchange. Unfortunately, accurate and reliable patient matching continues to serve as a barrier to successful nationwide information exchange. Health information professionals must be leaders in the efforts to ensure patient safety and privacy is protected through quality information in medical records. IHIMA Legislative Committee wants you to be aware of this important issue that impacts the day to day lives of healthcare consumers not only in Indiana but across our nation. We strongly urge to step up and participate in the grassroots effort by visiting the Advocacy Action Center. It is our duty to inform our elected officials on what issues are important to us and to our communities. Sending a letter to our representatives is an effective and powerful way to communicate. So, visit the Advocacy Action Center and send your letter today!

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To contact your U.S. Senators:

1) Click on the Advocacy Action Center link.
2) Under 'ACT NOW: Urge the US Senate to Address Patient Misidentification', click the 'Take Action' button.
3) Complete the form so the letter can be sent to YOUR Congress Member. Click 'Submit'.
4) The composed messages will display. Click 'Submit'.
5) Lastly, you will receive a 'Thank you!' message that your message has been sent.

NOTE: _Anyone_ can use the Advocacy Action Center, you don't have to be an AHIMA/IHIMA member to use it.

Spread the word about patient matching!
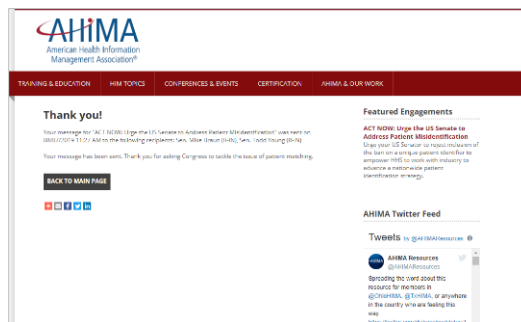
IHIMA Board Bullets

The IHIMA Board of Directors met on Friday, August 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. The following includes the highlights of the meeting:

1) The Board reviewed this year's Strategic Plan to make sure the 2019-2020 goals are being met within the designated timeframe. Everything is on track!

2) The Professional Development/Annual Meeting Committee reported the Fall Conference will be October 18th at King's Daughters in Madison, IN. More information will be coming soon! Also, the 2020 Annual Meeting is in the planning stages with agenda preparation, contacting speakers, and finalizing vendor booth/sponsorships.

3) The Legislative Committee reported on the Day at the State House in March 2020 with possible learning events on the legislative process prior to and on the day of the State House visit. There is continued work with the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) regarding the Medical Record Charging Law. The committee is also considering providing webinars on the Medical Record Charging Law and Patient Matching. A committee member will be presenting at the CIHIMA meeting in October about the work the Legislative Committee is doing.

4) The Nominating Committee will be soliciting names for the 2020-2021 ballot. The ballot will include: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Delegates, and two (2) Nominating Committee members. The committee is working on updating the applications for the IHIMA Achievement Awards: Distinguished Member, Professional Achievement, and Rising Star.

5) The Delegates reported the AHIMA Bylaws are being reviewed. The proposed bylaws amendment will be voted on at the House of Delegates this month in Chicago.

6) The IHIMA Scholarship Application is currently being updated and will be open very soon. Check the IHIMA website to apply: https://www.ihima.org/scholarship. The application is due by November 15, 2019.

7) CIHIMA reported they will have a meeting on October 10th in Lafayette, IN. Registration begins at noon; the meeting starts at 12:30 pm EST. The cost is $20 for members and free to students. The meeting is worth three (3) CEUs. More information will be sent to CIHIMA members soon!

IHIMA Regional Association Updates

Northern Indiana Health Information Management Association (NIHIMA)

By Courtney Heim, RHIT, COC, CPC, NIHIMA President

NIHIMA just hosted a successful Summer Seminar at the end of June. We had a variety of speakers, which included an Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Surgeon, a Physician Educator, a Release of Information Specialist, and several others. We also announced our changing of the guard for 2019-2020 and welcomed Michele Turchany, RHIT as our new President Elect. For a complete listing of our board and committee members, please visit our website.

We are currently planning our Fall Seminar, which will be at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart, IN on October 11th. The price is $40 for members and $55 for non-members. If you are not already a member of NIHIMA, please consider joining for only $15 annually.

One of our most difficult responsibilities is finding speakers for the three seminars we host every year. We are always looking for ideas for topics and speaker referrals. If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting at our seminars, please reach out to us through our website.

For more information about NIHIMA, membership, seminars, or to contact us with questions & suggestions, please visit our website at www.NIHIMA.com. You can also visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/northernihima/.
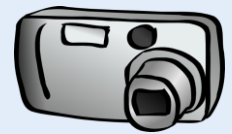
Central Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA)
By Darla Morrison, RHIT, CIHIMA President

On Friday August 23, I attended the IHIMA Board meeting, and again found it very informative just to sit in and listen to the "processes." Many opportunities are coming up to earn CEUs, and while we are at it, we get to hear from speakers that will inspire us to strive for excellence in our healthcare careers, and learn what opportunities are found when we will just "Connect and Learn!"

In our own Central Region, a Fall CEU meeting has been set up for Thursday, October 10th. The meeting will be held at Ivy Tech in Lafayette, IN. A very easy drive from Indy taking 65 north or St. Rd. 52 west out of Lebanon. Registration starts at noon, and the first speaker will present at 12:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will likely last until 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

We will have 3 speakers, and 3 CEUs will be earned. First up, Natasha Bahler and Olanda Torres from Mental Health Navigator Services will both be speaking on their work in linking those who need help for mental health and addiction conditions with therapists, counselors, psychiatrists, support groups, inpatient facilities, etc. They give careful detail to what issue(s) the patients are struggling with, and then go over each option to allow them to choose what is best for their situation. This service can help individuals get through these "wait times," letting them know what to expect.

Susan Clark will be speaking on her work in facilitating increased interoperability and health information exchange within our state and other states. During our business meeting, Susan will also shed some light on the AHIMA structure and how the states/regions feed up to national. Susan was on the AHIMA Nominating Committee this year and will talk about the process for getting on the national ballot.

IHIMA Board member, Bonnie Aspiazu will also be joining us and will speak on her work on the Legislative Committee. The more we know about why we want certain issues brought up before our Legislators to improve healthcare issues in Indiana, the more diligent we will be in seeking what we can do.

The cost is $20.00 for members. (Students of HIM are not charged.) You can pay at the door, but we do need to know how many are coming. Lunch will not be served, but there will be snacks, baked goods, and water available. Please feel free to bring your lunch with you. I will be sending out Registration forms this week. If you have not received a form by Monday, Sept 2nd—please send me an email and I will get it to you. (dsmorrison@unityhc.com). Hope to see you there!

Southern Indiana Health Information Management Association (SIHIMA)

SIHIMA had a very successful meeting on August 9th! Keep an eye out for their fall meeting. Anyone who would like more information about SIHIMA or would like to become a member should contact them at francie.bishop@gmail.com.

Your Indiana Delegates

The Indiana delegates are here for members and to advocate for, and help advance, the profession. Please continue to share your feedback with your delegates! Your 2019-2020 IHIMA Delegates are: Necole Coots = ncoots@ecommunity.com (1st year delegate), Renee Meunier = renee.meunier2@parkview.com (2nd year delegate), Jennifer Osborne = josborne1@r1rcm.com (2nd year delegate), Alyson Stichter = a.stichter@ibm.com, (President-Elect) and Jacquie Villarreal = jacquelyn.f.villarreal@gmail.com (President)

Faculty Development Institute/Assembly on Education Symposium (FDI/AOE) Review
By Nicole Van Andel, MS, RHIA, CHPS, Health Information Management Lecturer, Indiana University

On July 27-31, the Assembly on Education/Faculty Development Institute was held for all educators in Atlanta, Georgia at the beautiful Marriott Marquis. Several Indiana educators attended this event! Topics included Research, CAHIIM Accreditation, Data Analytics, Professional Practice Experience placements, the AHIMA Virtual Lab, Virtual Classrooms, HIM Reimagined, Competency Based Education and HIM Workforce Issues. The speakers also discussed the 2018 HIM Curricula Competences that need to be implemented by September 2021. This change will require each of our schools to modify their curriculum to meet the demands of our changing industry.

I served as a room monitor for one of the Tuesday tracks as part of the Council for Excellence in Education Educational Programming Workgroup. The primary duties included introducing speakers and making sure that the sessions started and stopped on time. The highlight of my day was meeting Pamela Oachs, MA, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA, who is the author of the commonly used Health Information textbook- "Health Information Management-Concepts, Principles and Practice"! I highly recommend volunteering for an AHIMA workgroup. Even if you are not an educator, I encourage you to attend next year's Assembly of Education event!

Pictured above are the Indiana HIM educators. Front Row- Heather Copen, Ivy Tech-Fort Wayne, Sarah Sallee, Ivy Tech-Lawrence Campus, Carolyn Murry, IUPUI, Patricia Johnson, IUN, Lisa DesNoyers, IUPUI, Janet Thomas, VU and Linda Galocy, IUN

Back Row- Lucy La Hurreau, Ivy Tech-Fort Wayne, Dorinda Sattler, IUN, Crystal Reed, Ivy Tech-Lawrence Campus, Bonnie Wilkins, Indiana Tech, Nicole Van Andel, IUPUI, Traci Stephens, VU.

Find out more information about the Indiana schools here. To find more information about the symposium click here.

Plan to Give Back with Scholarship Support

The AHIMA Foundation relies on the generous donations from AHIMA members, friends of the association, Component State Associations (CSAs) and corporate supporters to continue their important work in supporting and growing the health information industry. Making a gift, of any size, to an existing scholarship program is a great way to help students achieve their goals and potential.

There are several ways to donate to the AHIMA Foundation scholarship fund. Find more information here. There also is a listing of specialty scholarships. Consider donating TODAY as the online application closes on September 30, 2019 for this year! https://www.ahimafoundation.org/donate/

Coding Corner - Red Flags for Myocardial Infarctions Coding and CDI

As many HIM professionals know, there are substantial "red flag" terms related to coding myocardial infarctions (MIs) and non-MI troponin elevation, which can cause considerable challenges for providers, coding professionals, and clinical documentation improvement (CDI) staff. Coding accuracy related to MI diagnosis affects a multitude of areas, including:

- •Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services quality claims-based measures
- •Public health data tracking
- •Physician comparisons
- •Reimbursement
- •Patient outcomes

With the release of the fourth universal definition of MIs and the implementation of type-specific MI codes released in October 2017, it has become increasingly important to have Type 1 MI, Type 2 MI, and Non-MI troponin elevation documented appropriately.1 Vague or conflicting terms in documentation such as demand ischemia, demand mismatch, and troponin leak are common.
Read full article here.

Source: *Journal of AHIMA*, no. 7 (Jul-Aug): 54-55.

AHIMA members may earn CEUs for the article above by successfully completing the following quiz. *Journal of AHIMA* Continuing Education Quiz - Quiz ID: Q1939007 - Expiration Date: July 1, 2020 - Review Quiz Questions and Take the Quiz at https://my.ahima.org/store

Do You Have an Idea for an AHIMA Practice Brief?

AHIMA practice briefs establish best practices for specific HIM functions in order to integrate HIM best practices into business and workflow processes in the healthcare industry. Do you have an idea for an area of HIM that needs a practice brief? Let AHIMA know by sending in an idea submission form.

To find out whether a practice brief already exists for a topic, go to AHIMA's HIM Body of Knowledge at bok.ahima.org: Click "Advanced Search" and enter your keywords on the left; on the right, choose "AHIMA Practice Brief" from the Source list.

Newly Credentialed IHIMA Members

Congratulations to those Indiana members who successfully passed their credentials examination last month!

CCS-P	RHIT	RHIA
Patricia A Scurtu, RHIA, **CCS-P**	Gene Broomfield, **RHIT**	Kerry Baxter, **RHIA**
	Aisha Peay, Ph.D., **RHIT**	

Find Indiana's newly credentialed professionals who earned an AHIMA credential within the last year here:
https://my.ahima.org/pages/certification/newlycredentialed.aspx

The Best IHIMA Social Media Posts Last Month

1) Apply to be an AHIMA volunteer in 2020! Applications will be accepted through September 30th for 2020 volunteer opportunities. (Facebook: Click here)
2) Welcome Class of 2021 and Class of 2023! Classes start this week and next. Hope you have a great semester HIM students and faculty at Vincennes University, IUPUI, Indiana University NW, Indiana Tech, and Ivy Tech! (Facebook: Click here)
3) The 2019-2020 IHIMA Board of Directors meeting today. Great discussions today! (Facebook: Click here)
4) Great turnout at the SIHIMA meeting last Friday!! (Facebook: Click here)
5) Here's the August 2019 IHIMA Newsletter! (Facebook: Click here)
6) Reach out and have that conversation about #HealthIT and the need for a national patient matching solution! (Facebook: Click here)
7) CMS is seeking comments for their 'Reducing Administrative Burden To Put Patients Over Paperwork' initiative. This appears to be an opportunity for HIM/CDI/Rev Cycle teams. (LinkedIn: Click here)
8) Thirty-nine state attorneys general signed a letter to Republican and Democratic leaders in the House and Senate urging Congress to replace privacy regulations in the US Code of Federal Regulations with HIPAA privacy rules for the disclosure and use of patients' substance abuse use disorder treatment records. The AGs say that 42 CFR Part 2 discourages health care providers from offering medication-assisted treatment. (LinkedIn: Click here)
9) CMS 2020 Proposed Physician Fee Schedule Includes Changes to the Open Payments Program to Comply with SUPPORT ACT in 2021 (LinkedIn: Click here)
10) The Trump administration is continuing the push for hospitals to disclose to patients how much they charge for all supplies, tests and procedures. (LinkedIn: Click here)
11) A Resource Guide for Using Diagnosis Codes in Health Insurance Claims To Help Identify Unreported Abuse or Neglect (LinkedIn: Click here)
12) One week from TODAY! Friday, August 16th. FAHIMA is a program of earned recognition for AHIMA members who have made significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Consider obtaining this recognition. (Twitter: Click here)
13) The poll below lists all executive summaries submitted for the AHIMA19 Pitch Competition. Vote for your favorite pitch! FYI…One summary is from Indiana….The #Uppstroms App: a machine-learning app for EHRs created by the team at @Regenstrief & @FSPH_IUPUI (Twitter: Click here)
14) Don't miss out on the recently released AHIMA Outpatient Query Toolkit... free to members! (Twitter: Click here)
15) AGs Call for Privacy Regulation Overhaul to Combat Opioid Crisis (Twitter: Click here)
16) ACT NOW: Urge the US Senate to Address Patient Misidentification - Our goal between now and September is to garner as much grassroots support as possible to continue to move this issue forward! (Twitter: Click here)

Recent News from AHIMA

Check Out the New AHIMA Transformation Toolkit
Earn a Prestigious Revenue Cycle Trainer Designation
Your Coding Skills Can Impact Patient Care
2019 AHIMA Election Results
AHIMA Advantage - August 2019
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AHIMA's Discounted Continuing Education Opportunities

AHIMA's 2019 Coffee and Coding series is a smart way to work through today's most challenging topics for both Coding and CDI. Each month, an AHIMA expert takes you through a focused, half hour curriculum that you can watch on your own time – on demand. The nominal fee of $10.00 each helps ensure AHIMA covers the costs to produce these valuable segments now and in the future. Register here for these on demand webinars.

Calendar of Events

- AHIMA House of Delegates (HoD) Meeting, Chicago, IL – September 15, 2019
- 2019 AHIMA Health Data and Information Conference (formerly known as AHIMA Convention and Exhibit), Chicago, IL – September 14-18, 2019 - Register here (#AHIMACon19)
- AHIMA Foundation Veterans Scholarship Program - Applications open July 1 to September 30, 2019
- AHIMA Foundation Merit Scholarships – Applications open July 1st to Sept 30, 2019
- CIHIMA Fall Meeting, Ivy Tech, Lafayette, IN – October 10, 2019
- NIHIMA Fall Seminar, St Mary Medical Center Auditorium, Hobert, IN - October 11, 2019 More info here
- IHIMA Delegate Webinar: Envisioning Collaborative Team - October 11, 2019, 3 p.m. EST
- IHIMA Fall Conference, Madison, IN - October 18, 2019 (#IHIMAFall19)
- IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - November 1, 2019
- IHIMA Scholarship Application Submission Deadline – November 15, 2019 Find more here
- AHIMA Fellowship Applications 2019 Submission Deadline – November 15, 2019
- IHIMA Delegate Webinar: House Leadership Team - November 15, 2019, 3 p.m. EST
- IHIMA Delegate Webinar: HoD Forum - December 11, 2019, 3 p.m. EST
- IHIMA Board of Directors Meeting - January 24, 2020
- HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, Orlando, FL - March 9-13, 2020 SAVE THE DATE! (#HIMSS20)
- AHIMA Fellowship Applications 2019 Submission Deadline – February 21, 2020
- IHIMA Day at the Indiana Statehouse - March 17, 2020 – SAVE THE DATE! (#IHIMAAdvocate)
- Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week - March 22-28, 2020 - SAVE THE DATE! (#HIPWeek2020)
- AHIMA Advocacy Summit (formerly known as Hill Day) - March 23-24, 2020
- IHIMA Annual Meeting, Noblesville, IN - April 20-21, 2020 – SAVE THE DATE! (#IHIMA20)
- AHIMA CSA Leadership Symposium, Chicago, IL – July 10-11, 2020 in Chicago, IL