

CMS will penalize 751 hospitals in the fiscal year 2018 for having the highest rates of hospital-acquired conditions. One of those hospitals, Southern Maine Health Care, is being penalized due to coding errors, according to the *Journal Tribune*. The details are at:

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/finance/maine-hospital-attributes-medicare-penalty-to-employee-coding-errors.html>.

The World Health Organization plans to release the final ICD-11 in May 2018. One of the new ICD-11 codes is 6D11, Gaming Disorder under subcategory "Disorders Due to Addictive Behaviors", read more at [Healthcare IT News](#).

General SDHIA News

Location Change: We are meeting in the **Sharp Spectrum Auditorium** in 2018 at 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd., San Diego, CA, 92123. This is **not the TECH WAY building**.

The 2018 dates for above location are January 9, February 03, 13, March 13 and April 10. If you know a good meeting location for 9/2018 – 4/2019 please email to SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org.

In January, we are voting for the new CHIA and SDHIA Board members. The voting period for SDHIA Board is **January 26 to February 19, 2018**. Write-in ballot is acceptable as a second person. We ask you to consider serving our organization as a volunteer. These positions would be sworn at the May 2018 Spring meeting, and begin serving in person officially July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

I would like to thank everyone for a successful Holiday Dinner Meeting on December 12! Despite heavy traffic that day, we had 65 attendees at beautiful Tom Ham's Lighthouse. All were excited to learn about Information Governance from the best HIM professionals on this topic: Lorraine Fernandes and Debra Primeau. We had a lot of raffle prizes in form of gift cards, presents, and free educational events for 2018. Thank you goes out to everyone who donated for prizes (Daniel Castanon, Vilena Boussarova, Debbie Primeau, Svetlana Woersching) and our speakers.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we start our SDHIA educational program strong for 2018 with a lot of interesting topics. The Leadership is one of the biggest AHIMA topics for 2018, so for January 9th event, we invited an expert, Scott Greer, Ph.D. candidate in Leadership, Associate Dean of the School of Business at California College, Vivere Leadership Consulting. Scott was very popular among our audience last January and we asked him to continue developing the topic of Leadership and explore Project Management topics for us as well. [Please register for our January 9, 2018, Meeting](#).

The Spring Coding Round Table is not far away as well. We have two HIM professionals: Grace Patricio, CCS-P, CPC, Professor at Mesa College with CPT 2018 updates, and Victoria Weinert, RHIT, CCS, Audit and Compliance Manager at Oxford HIM with ICD-10 CM/PCS cases. Be sure to register before February 1st to receive an Early Bird discount.

- ❖ We are still collecting cases from multiple hospitals that you would like to have discussed. These cases will be explained by Coding Professional Victoria Weinert during our 2nd Spring Coding Round Table on February 3, 2018. Please email all cases to SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org.

Register early and easily for our [2nd Spring Coding Round Table on February 3, 2018 here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Spring Coding Round Table on February 3, 2018

Registration is open for the 2nd Spring Coding Round Table on February 3, 2018.

Registration begins at 4:45 pm.

Door Registration begins at 4:45 pm

Location: *****NOTE New Location*****

Sharp Corporate Bldg,
Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Blvd.,
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Registration Fee:

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\$10 Student

Registration is available online.

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For more information, contact the SDHIA President
Svetlana Woerschling, RHIT, CCS, CPC at
SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org
or Call: (858)354-8463

Although online registration is preferred, walk-in
registration is available on site with cash or check only.
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2018 HIMSS National Conference & Exhibition

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LOOK FOR THE 2018-2019 SDHIA BALLOT!

Submitted by Joanne Hewitt, RHIT
Past President and SDHIA Nominating Committee Chair

Hello members!

Our ballot is coming out soon. We will be voting for the members to represent us in 2018-2019. The voting period will be open on January 26, 2018 and close on February 19, 2018. We are electing the President-elect, Secretary and CHIA Delegate to the HOD meeting. I hope you will make the time to read the biographies of the volunteer nominees for the next SDHIA Board. These individuals have offered to give their TIME and subject matter EXPERTISE to make your live richer and empowering in the HIM arena! Read the ballot and vote to give your support and THANKS.

The treasurer position was currently vacated upon accepting the resignation of our treasurer effective 12/31/2017. Our Rules and Regulations state that the Board can appoint a person to the treasurer role in the instance of a vacancy. We are fortunate that several members have expressed interest in fulfilling the role immediately and completing out the current term through June 30, 2019. Therefore, the Board made the decision to review the candidates and appoint a person instead of posting the position on the 2018-2019 ballot to become effective on July 1, 2018.



SDHIA SCHOLARSHIP



SDHIA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO AHIMA/CHIA STUDENT MEMBERS



SDHIA has established a Scholarship to support SDHIA AHIMA/CHIA Students who have completed 50% of their coursework towards a credential in HIM. SDHIA is committed to helping students complete their education and enable them to successfully embark on their HIM career path. Submit reference letters (one must be an academic reference) along with the SDHIA Scholarship Application.

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Applications can be found on SDHIA page of the CHIA Website <http://www.californiahia.org/clas/sdhia>. E-mail the completed form to SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org. All applications are reviewed by the SDHIA Board and award recipients are announced and recognized at the May meeting.

Also take an opportunity to apply for CHIA Scholarship. View the details at Scholarship Programs, California Health Information Association: <http://www.californiahia.org/scholarship-programs>.


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CALENDAR of EVENTS

for 2017 - 2018

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CODING CORNER

by Nancy J Cervi, RHIT, CCDS

RAC Target Diagnoses: Are You Coding These Correctly?

Recently, CMS Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) clinical validation and coding denial targets have been reported by coders and CDI professionals. One of the top 3 reasons for improper payment is for services that were incorrectly coded. Best practices demonstrate these two professionals, along with the attending physician, collaborate to ensure that the record documentation is clear to support medical necessity as well as compliant coding. After a thorough reading and understanding of the ICD-10 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, it may be helpful to review the latest AHA Coding Clinic Advice to help you interpret the different clinical scenarios and documentation issues for your facility. In addition, a self-audit on these diagnoses will help you determine whether your facility might be a RAC target.

Here are the top diagnoses being scrutinized by the RACs along with the most recent Coding Clinic Advice to bring you up to date:

<p>Sepsis</p> <p>The CMS definition of severe sepsis is an infection or suspected infection with two or more SIRS criteria plus one sign of organ dysfunction.*</p>	<p>Regardless of whether a physician uses the new clinical criteria for sepsis, the old criteria, his personal clinical judgment, or something else to decide a patient has sepsis (and document it as such), the code for sepsis is the same- as long as sepsis is documented, regardless of how the diagnosis was arrived at, the code for sepsis can be assigned (CC4Q17).</p> <p>Sequencing Sepsis and Localized Infection (2018 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting Chapter 1)</p> <p>Viral Sepsis (CC3Q16)</p> <p>Severe Sepsis with/without acute organ dysfunction (CC4Q17)</p> <p>Candida Sepsis (CC4Q14)</p> <p>Sepsis-associated Encephalopathy (CC2Q17)</p>
<p>Acute Respiratory Failure</p>	<p>2018 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting Chapter 10 provide the most complete and up to date instructions for coding as well as sequencing. Be sure to review these.</p> <p>Chronic Respiratory Failure due to Poisoning (CC1Q16)</p> <p>Acute Respiratory Failure due to Smoke Inhalation (CC4Q13)</p> <p>Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) for Resuscitation (CC1Q17)</p> <p>Noninvasive Ventilation (NIV) (CC1Q17)</p> <p>Mechanical Ventilation (CC4Q14)</p>
<p>Acute Respiratory Distress</p>	<p>ARD and ARDS (CC4Q17)</p>
<p>Acute Renal Failure</p>	<p>End Stage Renal Disease (CC3Q16)</p> <p>Diabetes with Chronic Kidney Disease (CC1Q16)</p> <p>Shock Liver (CC2Q14)</p> <p>Encounter for Dialysis (CC4Q13)</p> <p>Kidney Transplant Failure (CC1Q13)</p>
<p>Sever Protein-Calorie Malnutrition</p>	<p>Unspecified Severe Protein-Calorie Malnutrition (CC4Q17)</p> <p>Nutritional Marasmus, Cachexia, Kwashiorkor (CC3Q17)</p>
<p>Encephalopathy</p>	<p>Neonatal Encephalopathy (CC4Q17)</p> <p>Sepsis-Associated Encephalopathy (CC2Q17) Encephalopathy, Unspecified (CC2Q17)</p> <p>Encephalopathy due to CVA (CC2Q17)</p>

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For more information and resources on the RAC program, visit:

https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Recovery-Audit-Program/Recent_Updates.html

References:

<https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier3&cid=1228772869636>

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