



AHIMA House of Delegates Meets in LA

Los Angeles, California played host to the 2017 AHIMA House of Delegates this year on Sunday, October 8th in conjunction with the AHIMA Annual Convention & Exhibit which was held in Los Angeles from October 8 to 11 earlier this month.

Delegates were charged with deliberating and making recommendations on the following five topics this year:

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As has been the case at recent CHIA House of Delegates meetings; a Situation, Background, Assessment and Recommendations (SBAR) document was prepared on each of the five topics which delegates were expected to review, consider and gather feedback on from colleagues in advance of the House.

Representing CHIA as delegates this year were Maria Alizondo, Brian Faust, Diane McWaid, Debra Primeau, and Jon Stuart.

Each CHIA delegate was assign primary responsibility for one of the five House topics. A summary report from the delegates was emailed to all CHIA members on Wednesday, October 25th with the subject line "AHIMA 2017 House of Delegates Report". Take a few minutes to review the report. The House of Delegates recommendations summarized in this report become part of AHIMA's strategic planning process.

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**STAY UPDATED WITH ICD-10-CM OFFICIAL CODING
GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**



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The October 1st coding updates are already in effect. Although some of the conventions that were updated last year assisted coding professionals with the changes from this year, there are still several chapter specific guidelines worth mastering. Let's summarize some of the updated conventions and guidelines already in place.

CONVENTIONS:

The word "with" or "in" should be interpreted to mean "associated with" or "due to" when it appears in a code title, the Alphabetic Index, or an instructional note in the Tabular List. This is a similar concept and an addition to last year's update on the word "with" but this year, the word "in" has been added with the same interpretation. Please note that the exception would be situations when the provider specifically states that the conditions are unrelated or when another guideline exists requiring a documented linkage between the two conditions, such as the sepsis guideline for acute organ failure.

In addition to diabetes mellitus "with" manifestations, some of the examples of the words "in" and "with" in the coding index are Abscess "with" diverticular disease with bleeding, Alcoholism "with" psychosis, Dementia "in" alcohol, Dementia "in" Alzheimer's, Dementia "in" epilepsy and many more.

Another update on conventions is the "Code also" note. The "Code also" note instructs that 2 codes may be required to fully describe a condition but this note does not provide sequencing direction. The sequencing depends on the circumstances of the encounter.

CHAPTER-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:

Below are the chapters that have updates effective October 1, 2018 which includes a brief summary of the changes. **Please read your ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting for Fiscal Year 2018 in its entirety.**



Chapter 1: CERTAIN INFECTIOUS AND PARASITIC DISEASES (A00-B99) has added new Clostridium difficile enterocolitis codes.



Chapter 2: NEOPLASMS (C00-D49) has added new malignant mast cell neoplasm codes, along with sequencing direction on the neoplasm versus the antineoplastic radiation therapy such as admission for brachytherapy beads to treat prostate cancer.

Chapter 4: ENDOCRINE, NUTRITIONAL, AND METABOLIC DISEASES (E00-E89) has added instruction for type 2 diabetic patients on only coding long term use of insulin even if the patient is on both insulin and oral hypoglycemic drugs long term. Additional codes have also been created to expand Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis.

Chapter 5: MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS (F01-F99) has added new codes for substance abuse “in remission”, which includes opioid, cannabis, sedatives and other stimulant abuse.

Chapter 6: DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM (G00-G99) has added new codes for primary lateral sclerosis, familiar motor neuron disease and progressive spinal muscle atrophy.

Chapter 7: DISEASES OF THE EYE AND ADNEXA (H00-H59) has provided instruction on using the default code for unspecified visual loss if “blindness” or “visual loss” is documented without any information about which eye(s) are affected. There are also additional codes created to expand on degenerative myopia.



Chapter 9: DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM (I00-I99) has provided instruction and a new code on acute myocardial infarction types 3, 4a, 4b, 4c and 5 which are assigned to code I21.A9, Other myocardial infarction type. Chapter 9 is one of the chapters with the most changes in 2018 so please read these updates in its entirety.

Chapter 11: DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM (K00-K95) has added new codes expanding on intestinal obstruction.

Chapter 12: DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE (L00-L99) has added new codes on non-pressure chronic ulcers.

Chapter 13: DISEASES OF THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM AND CONNECTIVE TISSUE (M00-M99) has added new codes expanding on dermatomyositis.



Chapter 14: DISEASES OF GENITOURINARY SYSTEM (N00-N99) has added new codes expanding on breast lump detailing the specific quadrants.

Chapter 15: PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, AND THE PUERPERIUM (O00-O9A) has added new codes expanding on tubal pregnancy with intrauterine pregnancy.





Chapter 16: CERTAIN CONDITIONS ORIGINATING IN THE PERINATAL PERIOD (P00-P96) has added new codes on pulmonary hypertension of newborn and other persistent fetal circulation.

Chapter 17: CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS, DEFORMATIONS AND CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES (Q00-Q99) has added new codes on unilateral intra-abdominal testis and unilateral inguinal testis.

Chapter 18: SYMPTOMS, SIGNS AND ABNORMAL CLINICAL AND LABORATORY FINDINGS, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED (R00-R99) has added new symptom codes on acute respiratory distress, unilateral and bilateral non-palpable testicles.

Chapter 20: EXTERNAL CAUSES OF MORBIDITY (V00-Y99) has added new codes pertaining to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), dirt bikes and motor/cross bike injuries.

Chapter 21: FACTORS INFLUENCING HEALTH STATUS AND CONTACT WITH HEALTH SERVICES (Z00-Z99) has added codes on history of falling, personal history of military deployment, exercise counseling and encounter for non-procreative genetic counseling.

As you see, almost every chapter was impacted this fiscal year. As credentialed coding professionals, our role impacts all the quality data that will promote and help achieve better health for all patients

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Treasurer's Report

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Savings	\$ 9,890.21
CD	\$ 6,524.83
Total Assets	\$27,211.15



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