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Happy Holidays, and welcome to our first edition of the eBreeze, the electronic version of the Palmetto Breeze. We hope that you find our updated format of great interest and use, and will join us in helping to grow and refine the newsletter as it progresses. Future editions will include Board Reports, SCHIMA news and statistics, articles, special messages, photos and announcements, so please let us know what you think!

Please see attached a special greeting from the Executive Board, and enjoy our new newsletter!

Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert (Issue 42): Safety Implementing Health Information and Converging Technologies

http://www.jointcommission.org/SentinelEvents/SentinelEventAlert/sea_42.htm

The Joint Commission issued a Sentinel Event Alert on December 11, 2008 regarding consideration of patient safety when implementing health information technology. The Alert provides extensive information and insight into the contributing factors of HIT-related misadventures, including but not limited to poor product selection and/or implementation planning, human error, data and information inaccuracies, technology failure, and unforeseen negative impact of HIT on workflow/processes/operations. Specific reference is made to IM Standards:

- IM.1.10 (IM.01.01.01*) addresses planning the management of information.
- IM.2.20 (IM.02.01.03*) requires the safeguarding of data and information against loss, destruction and tampering.
- IM.2.30 (IM.01.01.03*) requires a disaster recovery plan for information systems and the periodic testing of the plan to ensure its effectiveness.

as well as Leadership standards LD.4.20 (LD.04.04.03*) and LD.4.40 (LD.04.04.05*). A large list of references is also provided at the end of the Alert for additional information and support.

DOD Issues Final Rule for TRICARE Hospital OPPTS:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-29251.htm>

The Department of Defense issued the final rule for implementation of the TRICARE hospital outpatient prospective payment system, effective February 9, 2009 (60 days post-publication in the Federal Register) but not to be implemented before May 1, 2009.

The rule will decrease hospital outpatient payments by approximately \$460 million, but also increases transitional payments for emergency department and hospital clinic visits outlined in the proposed rule to safeguard decreased revenues hospitals will experience during implementation. It also extends transitional payments to non-network providers at a lower rate for a three-year period instead of four to encourage network participation.

Internet-Based Medicare Enrollments Now Available for Medicare Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/02_Internet-basedPECOS.asp#TopOfPage

On December 12, 2008, CMS extended the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) access to providers in South Carolina. The system allows physicians and most non-physician practitioners to submit Medicare providers applications via the internet, monitor the status of submitted applications, and make changes to their enrollment information as Medicare providers.

CMS Issues 15 Chronic Conditions for Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan Coverage

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=3364&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

CMS has published new coverage guidelines for eligibility for enrollees of Chronic Condition Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (CC-SNPs). Based on the findings of a panel comprised of advisors from CMS, CDC, and AHRQ, the identified conditions are those considered to be:

- medically complex
- substantially disabling or life threatening
- having a high risk of hospitalization or other adverse outcomes and
- requiring a specialized delivery system across domains of care

The coverage criteria changes go into effect January 1, 2010.

CMS proposes no longer paying for wrong site, patient, or surgery cases

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued several proposed decision memos this month indicating it will not pay for wrong site/patient/surgery cases. The CMS will accept comments on the proposed changes until January 1, 2009. The National Safety Forum considers these types of incidents serious reportable events. *(continued on next page)*

The proposed decision memos can be found on the CMS Web site at the following links:

[Surgery on the Wrong Body Part](#)

[Surgery on the Wrong Patient](#)

[Wrong Surgery Performed on a Patient](#)



South Carolina Spotlight:

USC Geographers Create United States "Death Map"

<http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=9541963>

Geographers from the University of South Carolina have created the first natural-hazard mortality map of the United States. The map uses data from 1970 to present to graphically depict hazard mortality, which tends to be most common in the South due to severe weather. The map (<http://www.biomedcentral.com/graphics/email/images/deathmap.jpg>) and related study were published in the December 16, 2008 issue of the *International Journal of Health Geographics*. (See also the related story http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=9537101&nav=menu36_13_7)

December 2008 Issue of *Images*

http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/images/08_dec_images/december2008.pdf

View the December 2008 issue of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health's newsletter for current information regarding DMH activities and initiatives in the state.

Congratulations to South Carolina's Newest Credentialed HIM Professionals!

RHIT

Sheila Brown
Brittany Davis
Shelton Gibson
Karen Hill
Rovenia Jenkins
Terea Johnson
Melvin Jones
Kathryn Severson

CCA

David Purvis
Ann Miller

Have *you* just earned a new credential? Let us know so we can share the good news! Send your name and information to info@schima.org so that you can be included in our next issue of the *eBreeze* (and have your name posted on the SCHIMA web site).

Have You Seen...

NIH Podcasts, Webcasts and RSS Feeds

<http://www.nih.gov/news/radio/nihpodcast.htm>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) offer a wide variety of free podcasts, webcasts and RSS feeds that can be accessed via PCs and other devices from many of their agencies and services, including NIH Research Radio's bi-weekly podcast, topics from the National Library of Medicine and UMLS, etc. Check out what they have to offer by starting with the web site in the title above, then navigate around their site to review all of their listening opportunities. A great way to stay up to date on NIH news or provide brief "alternative" education opportunities for your staff!

AHIMA: Would you like to share your story?

AHIMA wants to interview HIM professionals to help tell the history of the HIM profession.

- How has the evolution of HIM affected your career?
- Which technology and practices were in use when you were in school?
- What do you remember most from the earlier days of HIM?
- What was it like to adjust to major changes in HIM technology?
- Do you have any HIM stories and experiences you'd like to share?
- Do you have memorabilia you'd like to share? Old photos or artifacts?

Contact AHIMA at public.relationsinfo@ahima.org or by mail at:

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REMINDER: Is YOUR CE Cycle Ending This Month?

December 31 is the end date for CE collection if this is your year to renew your AHIMA credential. CE report submissions are due to AHIMA either online or via US Mail by January 31, 2009.

Please note that SCHIMA CANNOT re-issue CE certificates from past events.

If you are still in need of CEUs for your cycle, have no fear! Online options are available, some of which are free.

- AHIMA offers a wide variety of online/teleconference/distance education options for CEUs with new lower-cost options for some offerings
- AHIMA CEU Quizzes are \$15/quiz (1.0 CEU per quiz)
- AHIMA CCS/CCS-P Self-Assessments are
- CMS is currently offering 16 free online web-based training modules (WBTs) worth up to 16 CEUs

CEUs opportunities sometimes forgotten by members include:

- Serving as a site supervisor for an HIM Student for a semester (claim 1.0 CEU per student supervised, up to 2 CEUs per CE cycle)
- Attending Exhibit Hall at an Annual Convention (1.0 CEU per event)
- Completion of college courses (both credit and non-credit offerings) by December 31 of the cycle year
- Authoring or editing portions or complete text books, articles, or pre-published manuscripts
- Serving as a presenter (1.0 CE per 15 minutes of podium time) or panel discussion panel member (1.0 CEU per 60 minutes of podium time) of original work on a topic relevant to HIM
- Serving as a facilitator of a CoP (1.0 CEU per year or service per Community)

Opportunities that do NOT qualify for CEUs include:

- Serving as an AHIMA or SCHIMA volunteer
- Post-secondary courses that are NOT completed (exams, coursework, etc.) by December 31 of cycle year
- Presenting materials that are NOT original works (for example, leading sessions where the presentation has been developed by another party)

For more information, please visit the AHIMA Credential Maintenance area at <http://www.ahima.org/certification/maintenance.asp>.

Upcoming SCHIMA Events:

January

01/09/09	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	2009 Annual Convention & Exhibit Program Committee Meeting – Midlands Technical College
01/09/09	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SCHIMA Board Meeting (Face-to-Face) – Midlands Technical College

February

02/27/09	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	2009 Annual Convention & Exhibit Program Committee Meeting – Radisson Hotel Columbia & Convention Ctr
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March

03/13/09	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SCHIMA Board Meeting – TBD (Midlands Technical College LX140)
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April

04/03/09	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Midlands Regional Meeting – Midlands Technical College (AC143 – Yates Conference Center)
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May

05/08/09	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SCHIMA Board Meeting – TBD (Midlands Technical College AC139)
05/13/09	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	SCHIMA State Coding Roundtable – Midlands Technical College (AC143 – Yates Conference Center)
05/29/09	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	2009 Annual Convention & Exhibit Program Committee Meeting – Midlands Technical College



SCHIMA Central Office Holiday Hours

The SCHIMA Central Office will be closed **December 24-26, 2008 and December 31, 2008-January 2, 2009** for the upcoming holidays.

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