

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

How many of you took the challenge and made a New Year's Resolution? I have to admit that I have. My goal for this next year is to make more of an effort to see the positive in situations. Change is hard in health care and we all know that most changes we cannot control. My resolution is to be more open minded in regards to change in all areas of my life including health care.

The most common New Year's resolution that people make is getting in shape and working out more. If this is your New Year's resolution, I hope you succeed and stick to it throughout 2017. Don't give up and remember the phrase "You Can Do It!"

Another New Year's resolution is to stop procrastinating. We all put off the things that are the hardest and most difficult to do. It is easier and more exciting to do something fun versus having to take care of tasks that are more difficult. This really reminds me of time management. We need to remember to put out the fires and handle the problems before doing something fun.

An important resolution to consider is building your mind skills. In 2016, I started doing word searches on my phone in my free time. This has really helped to keep my mental motivation going. My father-in-law has Alzheimer's and I have realized how important it is to keep your mind working. This year, my challenge to you is to try and keep you mind constantly learning. Pick up a hobby or maybe learn something new.

Finally, for 2017, my challenge to you is to stay connected. We need to stay informed of the changes that our going on in our World as well as in our profession. Network with others and make and create new relationships with other professionals. Practice interprofessional relations and keep trying to break down the walls and silos if they are there. Remember, you never know who is watching and always project a positive professional appearance and attitude no matter where you are and what you are doing.

As always, Stay safe and healthy,

Yours truly,

Dawn Goodsell, RHA President NHIMA 2016-2017



2017 NHIMA Convention "HIM: A Buried Treasure" April 5-7th, Kearney, NE

We are excited to announce a change for our annual convention. Friday morning will be dedicated to our coding community. We feel that having our Friday time dedicated to coding will allow other facilities to send more coders and allow people to focus on specific education needs. We will have experts in Critical Access Hospitals discussing ICD-10 changes, documentation issues in the electronic record, and documentation of specificity for correct coding.

Hope to see you all in April.

NHIMA 2017 Election

The election for NHIMA is coming up in March and we are searching for individuals who are willing to donate their time. Without volunteers, we simply would not exist. Please take time to think about running for office and volunteering. It is a wonderful opportunity to network and learn new skills and knowledge.

Committee members Michelle Ilsley (milsley@nebraskamed.com), Damita Gifford (dgifford@OmahaDerm.com) and Sarah Fuerhoff (s_fuerhoff@hotmail.com) may be contacting you about volunteering. If you have an interest in serving or would like more information, please contact any of the individuals above.



Voting on this ballot will begin in March. We would like to see a very high voting response with the electronic process. Please consider volunteering for a position and consider your choices carefully – make your voices heard by voting in the NHIMA election in 2017!

Distinguished Member Award

To nominate an NHIMA member for outstanding contributions to NHIMA, go to www.nhima.org to download a nomination form. Nominations due 2/1/2017.

Coding Roundtable Update

One question was submitted in December.

Question:

With the G0202, G0204, G0506 does it automatically include the CAD with digital images? With the new codes for 1-1-17, 77065, 77066, 77067 it states that it includes the CAD but I am understanding that it does not mean digital images. Are these codes (77065, 77066, 77067) to be used when using an analog image only? If I am understanding this correctly, we would need to include the CAD charge in with our digital image mammogram charge and bill out using the g-codes, only, since we are digital images.

Answer:

According to the 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Regs issued November 15, 2016, 77065, 77066 and 77067 are used to report mammography services with CAD.

“The revised CPT coding mitigates the need for both separate G-codes and the CAD add-on code.” *

The code represents digital images and the use of CAD. When the facility reports a mammogram and uses film (analog) the facility must append modifier “FX” to the CPT code.

“At this time, in accordance with the statute, we are requiring the FX modifier to be used whenever an imaging service is an X-ray taken using film. “The use of this modifier will result in a 20 percent reduction for the X-ray services....”**

Summary - Medicare will recognize the G codes for mammography services. They will not reimburse for CPT codes 77065, 77066 and 77067. Check with private payers on the correct codes for mammography services in 2017.

*Reference: Federal Register/Vol. 81, No 220/Tuesday, November 15, 2016/Rules and Regulations; Page 80314

** Reference: Federal Register/Vol. 81, No 220/Tuesday, November 15, 2016/Rules and Regulations; Page 80271

Mary Meysenburg, MPA, RHIA, CCS - Chairman, Nebraska Coding Roundtable

Hierarchical Condition Categories Webinar

The Coding Roundtable Committee has recorded a presentation on Hierarchical Condition Categories. To purchase the webinar, please go to <http://www.associationconnex.com/nhima-hierarchical-condition-categories/>. Another webinar will be available in January, 2017.

NHIMA Contact Information:

Board Members - Committee/TF Chairs

Dates to Remember: April 5-7, 2017 – NHIMA Annual Convention, Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE
