

# News & Views



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## NHIMA Scholarship Applications

Scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year are being accepted through July 15, 2009. Go to [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org) for more information.

## Lawsuit Alleges RACs Break CMS' Regulations

Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, CA, has filed a lawsuit against HHS claiming that RACs violate CMS' rules. CMS requires "good cause" for reopening and reviewing claims more than one year after payment. Click [here](#) to read full story.



## e-HIM Roundtable Update

Go to [www.nhima.org](http://www.nhima.org) and click on the e-HIM Roundtable link for updates.

## Build a Foundation for Coding Success

The Certified Coding Associate (CCA) is AHIMA's foundation coding credential. Launch your career in coding and signify your commitment to the profession with CCA designation. For more information about CCA and other AHIMA credentials, visit [www.ahima.org/certification](http://www.ahima.org/certification).

## Error Prone Abbreviations

Several people asked Patricia Wolfe at the NHIMA Spring Conference for a list of Error prone abbreviations. If you recall Patricia did the presentation on "The Ins and Out of The Patient's Medical Record". Go to <https://cop.ahima.org/COP/Nebraska/> to find the list of Error prone abbreviations, symbols and dose designations.

## EHR/HIT Resources

- [FierceHealthIT](#) - Weekly newsletter focused on HealthIT leaders. This link is a discussion on how the Stimulus package will affect HIPAA.
- This [link](#) is to an article by Robert O'Harrow, he is a writer for the Washington Post and brings a different perspective to the Stimulus Bill and the role HIMSS and vendors have played in advocating for change.
- The ONC released an eight-page "[operating plan](#)" and timetable for itself and other federal agencies for issuing reports, rules and guidelines for federal healthcare IT programs under the stimulus act. The document does not include a definition of "meaningful use" of electronic health record systems or a deadline when that definition might be provided, nor does it say when HHS will establish a certification and testing procedure for EHR systems, both key requirements under the stimulus legislation.
- The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology has approved final [2009-2010 criteria](#) for certification of ambulatory, inpatient and emergency department electronic health records.
- The federal government, which is seeking ways to protect patient data as the nation moves toward a digital healthcare system, shows persistent weaknesses on the information security front, according to the [Government Accountability Office](#).

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## Dates to Remember:

June 5, 2009 – NHIMA Board Meeting in Lincoln

April 21-22-23, 2010 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney