

Case-Mix and Reimbursement Committee Annual Report

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Chairmen: Robert Seger, RHIA, CCS; Shari Manning, RHIT, CCS

On August 2nd & 3rd, 2006, MHIMA co-sponsored AHIMA's 2-day coding workshop titled "**Achieving Coding Excellence-Regional Seminar**", which was held in Boston. The organizing committee included the members from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and AHIMA's central office in Chicago. The meeting was well attended, with over 90 total attendees and 55 coming from Massachusetts. MHIMA's income from this meeting was approximately \$1,500. A by-product of hosting the meeting in Boston was that MHIMA received very good visibility.

The fall meeting held on 9/15/06 essentially followed a coding-related theme. The morning portion of the meeting was strongly tilted toward coding, and the morning educational program included the following speakers:

- **MassPRO Update;** *Christopher Richards, RHIA; MassPRO*
- **New Consolidated APR-DRGs Presentation;** *Jack Ijams; Bob Trocchi, 3M HIS*
- **Fiscal Year 2007 ICD-9-CM Coding Changes;** *Barry Libman, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P*

On Thursday, January 25, 2007, another Casemix educational meeting coincided with the winter meeting. There was a separate educational track in the morning for the Casemix meeting. The agenda for the Casemix meeting was:

- **New Medicare Initiatives: Severity DRGs, Core Quality Measures, and Present on Admission Flag:** Dr. Ian Diener, Chief Medical Officer, HP3, Inc.
- **Stenting for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms:** Dr. James Gardner, Director of Reimbursement/Medical Science Officer, Cook Medical, Inc.
- **Fiscal Year 2007 CPT-4 Coding Changes:** Barry Libman, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, President, Barry Libman, Inc. and Laura Siniscalchi, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, Manager, Life Sciences and Healthcare Regulatory Services, Deloitte & Touche LLP

For 2007-2008 we've recommended that the Casemix Committee continue its practice of providing timely coding-related information to the Associations coders and data analysts.

Finally, we're extremely grateful to all of the individuals who helped us this year. Special thanks go to our own Barry Libman and Chris Richards, who both consistently provide excellent educational information to MHIMA. We'd also like to thank Cathy Wilde, Peggy DiConza, Pam Norton, Susan Lipizzi and Karen O'Donnell for all of their help and assistance this year. They're all a wonderful team to work with!

Respectfully Submitted,

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