

For Coding Professionals



Coding Professionals Flourish through AHIMA Coding, Classification, and Reimbursement Resources!

Coding professionals need to stay connected with the best tools, the latest information, and experienced colleagues who know the score. AHIMA membership plugs you into a powerful source for networking; discounts on career-enhancing certification, products, services, and events; industry news sources; and more. Build your coding knowledge, connections, and reputation through AHIMA membership today!

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CERTIFICATION

AHIMA's [Certified Coding Specialist \(CCS\)](#), [Certified Coding Specialist—Physician-Based \(CCS-P\)](#) AND [Certified Coding Associate \(CCA\)](#).

Back up your skills with certification supported by the HIM experts. Employers prefer AHIMA-certified coders!

CCSs classify medical data from patient records, generally in a hospital setting where they:

- Review patients' records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure
- Possess expertise in the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding systems
- Are knowledgeable about medical terminology, disease processes, and pharmacology.

CCS-Ps

- Specialize in physician-based settings such as physician offices, group practices, multi-specialty clinics, or specialty centers
- Review patient records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure
- Possess in-depth knowledge of the CPT coding system and familiarity with the ICD-10-CM and HCPCS Level II coding systems
- Are experts in health information documentation, data integrity, and quality
- Play a critical role in a health provider's business operations, because patients' coded data is submitted to insurance companies or the government for expense reimbursement.

CCAs exhibit commitment and demonstrate coding competencies across all settings, including both hospitals and physician practices.

AHIMA offers virtual exam prep workshops and publications to help you prepare for the certification exams. Visit our website for details.

ENGAGE COMMUNITIES

Engage Communities is the Association social media site that allows health information professionals to interact and communicate from anywhere in the world.

- [Coding, Classification and Reimbursement Engage Online Community](#)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Annual Clinical Coding Meeting
- Crack the Codes: Advanced Coding Workshops (1 day CPT, 1 day ICD-10-CM, 2 days ICD-10-PCS)
- Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS

CODING RESOURCES

- [Computer-assisted Coding \(CAC\) Toolkit](#)
- [CodeWrite Newsletter](#)
- [AHIMA Code-Check™](#)
AHIMA's Code-Check™ is made up of credentialed, experienced coders to assist you. Our experience spans multiple settings such as inpatient, ambulatory care, and physician coding, and provides a unique ability to ask an ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, or HCPCS question with one business day turnaround time!
- [Code-Cracker](#)
- [Online Education](#)
- *Journal of AHIMA* Articles
 - [Too Many Coding Systems, Too Much to Do](#)
 - [New Toolkit Details CAC Implementation Steps](#)
 - [DIY: Grow Your Own Coders](#)
 - [Taking Coding to Next Level through Clinical Validation](#)

VIRTUAL OFFERINGS

- Understanding ICD-10-CM From the Inside Out (4 on-demand webinars plus a live Q&A chat)
- Understanding ICD-10-PCS From the Inside Out (6 on-demand webinars plus a live Q&A chat)
- [CCS exam prep \(4 on-demand webinars plus a live Q&A chat\)](#)
- [CCS-P exam prep \(4 on-demand webinars plus a live Q&A chat\)](#)

CODING RESOURCES

Take advantage of the delay in the transition to ICD-10 with the proper tools and knowledge, all offered by AHIMA.

- Computer-assisted Coding (CAC) Toolkit
 - [Provider Coding Toolkit](#)
 - Guidelines for Achieving a Compliant ICD-10-PCS Query – practice brief (June 2016 *Journal*)
- CodeWrite Newsletter
- [Monthly ICD-TEN newsletter](#)
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- [Code-Cracker \(coding blog\)](#)
- [Online Education](#)
- *Journal of AHIMA* Articles
 - [Finding the New Normal with ICD-10-CM/PCS](#)
 - [ICD-10 Opens Documentation Gaps](#)
 - [Putting the ICD-10-CM/PCS GEMs into Practice \(2016 update\)](#)
 - [DRG Grouping and ICD-10-CM/PCS](#)

REVENUE CYCLE RESOURCES

- [Clinical Documentation Improvement Toolkit](#)
- *Journal of AHIMA* Articles
 - [Managing the Self-Pay Surge: HIM Professionals Fit for Patient Financial Advocate Roles Aiding Self-Pay Patients](#)
 - [HIM Directors Face Outsourcing Realities: Five New Relationship-building Strategies to Consider in 2016](#)

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