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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited to introduce myself as president of SCHIA for 2019-2020. My name is Bobbie Diamond, RHIT, CHPS. I have been working in Health Information Management for over 40

years. I started while in college working evenings at Valley Hospital in Van Nuys learning all positions in the Medical Records Department. I enjoyed all aspects of the profession so I went on to complete the ART program through AHIMA. I not only worked in acute facilities but also I consulted for SNF, TCU, Rehab and Psych facilities. I am currently working for AHMC Healthcare at Garfield Medical Center and at Monterey Park Hospital in Monterey Park as the HIM Director and Privacy Officer.

I am thrilled with our SCHIA education opportunities for the year. We have already scheduled an ICD-10 CM and ICD-10 PCS Coding Update Event at Garfield Medical Center on 9/28/2019 at 9:30 a.m. Please hold the date. I want to thank HCS for sponsoring this event educational event. In December we are planning our Christmas Brunch and educational event, more information to follow.

News from East Los Angeles College

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) located in Monterey Park, California has the first Health Information Technology (HIT) Apprenticeship Program in the State of California. The Registered Health Information Technology Apprenticeship program has several industry leaders who support, hire, and allows the student to complete their directed practicum hours. ELAC is currently accepting applications for the apprenticeship program. Please contact Monica Thurston, MBA, RHIA, Department Chair, Allied Health at 323-780-6802 or thurstmthurstmm@laced.edu for additional information.

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EVENT

Title: ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding 2020 Updates

Date: September 28, 2019

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Garfield Medical Center
605 Garfield Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

In-Service Classroom 2nd Floor

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