



Newsletter

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President's Message May 2020 Newsletter

By Keith Hass, RHIA

Hello once again, SDHIA newsletter readers! This is the final SDHIA Newsletter for the 2019-2020 year. Up until March 2020 SDHIA was business as usual, then came along the COVID-19. COVID 19 is currently affecting our daily lives and the way we work and socialize as a community. The HIM community will continue through the mission, vision and values so we can work to catalyze, connect and partner as an organization in our virtual worlds.

The 2019-2020 SDHIA, CLA has had an active year with eight scheduled and attended educational sessions, which includes the December Tom Ham's Lighthouse event and two Coding Round Tables for the Fall and Spring.

SDHIA appreciates the speakers and the vendors that took the time and effort to connect with SDHIA in keeping our members and guests educated and informed with interesting and current topics that also provided networking opportunities.

In alignment with appreciation and gratitude, I would like to thank all the 2019-2020 SDHIA Board/Committee and volunteer members for your time and work that you have contributed to the members and working as a collaborative team to fulfill the member's needs.

Additionally, staying engaged for CEU's or self-education for yourself in the HIM career field register for the upcoming virtual events with CHIA Convention in the link below. Advanced registration closes May 14, 2020. SDHIA is in the planning stages for virtual meetings for the 2020-2021 education sessions. Our future president Hernan Amezcua, RHIA will follow up on the status of those meetings with the Strategic Planning meeting this summer.

Thanks to all who have contributed their time, resources and guidance to me as your 2019-2020 SDHIA President.

VIRTUAL CHIA CON20 – Registration: <http://chiacon20.attendify.io/>



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EDUCATIONAL CORNER

SDHIA 2020 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations!

The SDHIA Board would like to give a big congratulations to the winning scholarship winners!!!

Dylan Johnson: Awarded \$200.00

Tong Vo: Awarded \$100.00

From Noridian Healthcare Solutions

Dear Association Member,

Noridian's Medicare Part A/B Provider Outreach and Education Department is providing you with our latest news and updates. Noridian and CMS look to Associations to help by forwarding the applicable information within this email to your members.

1. **COVID-19:** We know that everyone is eager to learn details regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Noridian has taken appropriate measure to ensure that we remain open and fully functional. The provider Contact Center is open and taking calls. Claims and redeterminations are being processed in the usual and timely manner.

In order to provide the latest correct information to providers and beneficiaries, CMS has directed MACs to refer providers to the [CMS Current Emergencies](#) page. The information on the CMS website is updated frequently during this pandemic to provide you with the latest official CMS guidance.

2. **Standard Written Order (SWO) for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) orders:** One of the biggest complaints about Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) orders was the number of forms needed for each order. With that in mind, the previously used Preliminary/Dispensing Order, Detailed Written Order, Five Element Order, Written Order Prior to Delivery, Seven Element Order, and Detailed Product description have all been replaced with one Standard Written Order, or SWO. For more details, please refer to the [Local Coverage Article](#) on the CMS website.
3. **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP):** CMS continues to fight the opioid crisis with the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). The main goals of this program are to ensure patients can access treatment for opioid use disorder and to use data to target prevention and treatment. CMS has provided a [roadmap](#) for their program and a [fact sheet](#) on

OTP enrollment. You can also find more information on the Noridian site under each jurisdiction. [JEA](#), [JFA](#), [JEB](#), and [JFB](#)

4. **Provider Practice Address Location Requirements:** CMS has announced a delay in the activation of Systematic Validation Edits for OPPOS Providers with Multiple Service Locations in a revised edition of [MLN Matters SE19007](#). With the additional time granted to providers regarding these edits, please examine the way claims are being billed for off-campus, hospital outpatient department services.

The address being billed on claims for services provided in secondary locations must match exactly to the address of that location as listed in the PECOS enrollment file and must contain either the PO or PN modifier. For additional information on these requirements, please read the updated [SE19007](#), or see the Provider-Based Billing Page on your Noridian Part A website.

5. **Upcoming Education:** Please see our schedule of events webpage for upcoming trainings on Telehealth and Covid-19. [JEA](#), [JEB](#), [JAF](#), and [JFB](#)

Please let us know if you have upcoming events at which Noridian's Education team can provide training to your members. For Medicare training needs, associations may request Noridian to present on topics of interest via webinars, in-person visits or as a guest speaker on a teleconference. From the "Education & Outreach" section of our website, select "Collaboration with Associations," complete the Provider Outreach & Education Collaboration Form, and email it to mac@noridian.com:

- [JEA](#), [JEB](#), [JFA](#), and [JFB](#)

CODING CORNER

By Keith Hass, RHIA

Hi Coders and members,

This month's coding corner may not be what you are used to, but what is normal these days? I have done a little research. The COVID-19 situation has sent additional coders home to do their job I'm guessing or have limited coding staff in house? I found a wonderful article from the AAPC website; [Working as a Remote Coder During COVID-19](#). If you have not seen the article I hope at least you find this helpful.

The article gives tips on working from home as a coder.

By: Jennifer Sanders - Jennifer Sanders, MBA, CPC, CPB, CPMA, CPPM, COSC, CPC-I, AAPC Fellow, has been involved in the medical industry since 1992, specifically orthopedics. Her passion is in education, working at the collegiate level in health information management programs. She serves as president for the Southern Maryland local chapter.

I. Adaptation- Helpful points for working at home.

- Keep a Calendar

- Stick to a Routine
- Stay Flexible
- Involve Your Children

To read the article in its entirety go to this link :

<https://www.aapc.com/blog/50432-working-remotely-as-a-coder-during-covid-19/>

And a special Thank You! for providing Coding updates to the SDHIA Newsletter :

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Coding for COVID-19

CM Coding

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an update to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was published on April 15. This update applies to Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) facilities, Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs). The provisions are found in sections 3710 and 3711 of the CARES Act.

For IPPS, the relative weight of the Medicare-Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) will be increased by 20 percent for cases that have been assigned to the following:

- B97.29 (Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere) for discharges occurring Jan. 27 through March 31, 2020, or
- U07.1 (COVID-19) for discharges April 1, 2020 through the duration of the public health emergency.

Assignment of new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, is as follows:

Diagnosis Code	Description	CC	MDC	MS-DRG
U07.1	COVID-19	MCC	4	177,178,179
			15	791,793

			25	974,975,976
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COVID-19 may be a principal or secondary diagnosis. The definition of principal diagnosis must be applied to inpatient claims. The coding instructions in ICD-10-CM must be followed as well. The updated guidelines discuss the sequencing of COVID-19 and sepsis. Remember that obstetric cases will be different, because the obstetric diagnosis will precede the COVID-19 code. The same would be true for newborns who are born with COVID-19: the newborn code will supersede the COVID-19 code.

Updated CMS Grouper information can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/MS-DRG-Classifications-and-Software>

CPT Coding: New HCPCS Diagnostic Testing Codes:

Effective 3/13/2020: **CPT 87635**- Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique

Effective 4/10/2020: **CPT 86328** Immunoassay for infectious agent antibody(ies), qualitative or semiquantitative, single step method (eg, reagent strip); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

Effective 4/10/2020 **CPT 86769** Antibody; Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19])

Effective 2/4/2020: **HCPCS U0001** is used specifically for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) testing laboratories to test patients for SARS-CoV-2.

Effective 2/4/2020: **HCPCS U0002** is to be reported for non-CDC laboratory tests for SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19).

Effective 4/14/2020: **HCPCS U0003**: Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.

Effective 4/14/2020: [HCPCS U0004](#): 2019-nCoV Coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV (COVID-19), any technique, multiple types or subtypes (includes all targets), non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies as described by CMS-2020-01-R.

Specimen Collection Codes for Laboratories:

Effective 3/1/2020: [HCPCS G2023](#) Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), any specimen source

Effective 3/1/2020: [HCPCS G2024](#) Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]) from an individual in a SNF or by a laboratory on behalf of a HHA, any specimen source

Coding Resources:

AHA Coding Clinic Advisor: Frequently Asked Questions Regarding ICD-10-CM CODING OF COVID-19

<https://www.codingclinicadvisor.com/faqs-icd-10-cm-coding-covid-19>

Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 Medicare:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03052020-medicare-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf>

AMA Fact Sheet: Reporting Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (SARSCoV-2) Laboratory Testing:

<https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-03/cpt-assistant-guide-coronavirus.pdf>

MLNConnects Special Edition from Tuesday, March 31, 2020

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln-connects-special-edition-3-31-2020.pdf>

CDC: New ICD-10-CM code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), April 1, 2020




<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd10cm.htm>

CMS Ruling Part B Clinical Lab Fee Schedule COVID lab tests:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-2020-01-r.pdf>

San Diego Health Information Association, SDHIA CALENDAR of EVENTS for 2019-2020

Date & Location	Speaker	Topic, Domain & Sponsor
<p>September 10, 2019 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>James Williams, RHIA</p> <p>Maria Hewett, MBA, RHIA</p> <p>Keith Hass, RHIA</p> <p>Morgan Hezlep, JD, CHC, CHPS, RHIT</p> <p>Suzanne Forrest, RHIA</p>	<p>Topic: Alternate Career Pathways in HIM</p> <p>Domain: Management Development</p> <p>Sponsor:</p> 
<p>October 22, 2019 (4th Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Corporate Building Sharp Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd.San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Hika Mengitsu, MHIS, RHIA, CDIP, CHP, CSCS</p> <p>San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.</p>	<p>Topic: What do HIM Professionals Do in Correctional Facilities.</p> <p>Domain: Management Development</p>
<p>October 26, 2019 (Saturday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Victoria Hernandez, RHIA, CDIP, CCS, CCS-P</p> <p>AHIMA-Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer</p> <p>Louis Grujanac, D.O Chief Medical Director</p>	<p>Topic: Coding Round Table New ICD 10 CM/PCS 2020 Codes</p> <p>Domain: Clinical Classification Systems and Coding</p>
<p>November 12, 2019 (2nd Tuesday)</p> <p>Location: Sharp Corporate Building Sharp Auditorium 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd. San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Dr. Lenora C. Langlais MS, BSN, CDR (USN-R)</p>	<p>Topic: Breast Cancer- A Person's Journey through the Cancer Wilderness</p> <p>Domain: Clinical Foundation or External Forces</p>

<p>December 10, 2019 Location: Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island San Diego, CA. 92101</p>	<p>Cassi Birnbaum MS, RHIA, CPHQ, FAHIMA</p> <p>Sponsor: </p>	<p>Topic: Follow Your Yellow Brick Road to Realize Your HIM Vision Domain: Management Development Sponsor: </p>
<p>January 14, 2020 (2nd Tuesday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Kie Copenhaver, RHIA, RCFE, CSA</p>	<p>Topic: HIMs Non-Traditional Role and Their Impact on the Aging Population Domain: Management Development Sponsor: </p>
<p>February 8, 2020 (Saturday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>John Folger, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P Manager, Health Care, Consulting, Wipfli LLP Judy Holloway, MPH, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P Director, Health Care, Consulting, Wipfli LLP</p>	<p>Topic: Coding Round Table-New CPT Codes Domain: Data Structure, Content, and Information Governance</p>
<p>March 10, 2020 (2nd Tuesday) Location: Sharp Techway Building 8520 Tech Way 1st Floor-Room A San Diego, CA 92123</p>	<p>Maria C. Alizondo, MOL, MLC, RHIT, FAHIMA (SCHIA) Director, Enterprise HIM, UCLA Health System</p>	<p>Topic: Exploring the Identities of Latinx Women Who Lead in HIM Domain: Evolving Topics</p>

JOBS SECTION for NEWSLETTER

Hello Newsletter readers,

The employment section of the newsletter is now being updated with links to the employers. The reason for this is since job opportunities change quickly and for the SDHIA newsletter editors to keep track of those changes is not beneficial to members. It is best for students and members to check the job links and keep a record for yourself to see who you have

applied with and keep tabs on the jobs you want in the HIM field. Create a spreadsheet or other type document for your records and sometimes a notebook will suffice for others.

We encourage any sponsors who are readers of the newsletter that if you would like to sponsor SDHIA and post your opportunities to please contact SDHIA@CaliforniaHIA.org

If you are attending one of our meetings let us know at the meeting or beforehand that you would like to make some job announcements to the attendees.

*The following is not a complete list, but assistance in your search. In this newsletter we have added the remote, "REMOTE" section, due to uptick in remote work due to COVID-19.

Some helpful hints in your job search:

- Have a blanket resume/CV and cover letter.
- Amend resume and cover letters to the opportunity you are applying to.
- Read the requirements for applying to a position.
- Network outside of job boards with co-workers, professional organizations and do online research for ideas and tips.
- Speak with the sponsors when sponsors are at local meetings and conferences.
- Bring resume(s) to events
- Use social media for example, LinkedIn to reach out to recruiters.

HIM Organization job boards within the HIM organization hierarchy:

- AHIMA: <https://careerassist.ahima.org/jobs/>
- CHIA: www.JobBoard.CaliforniaHIA.org

Local San Diego employers

- Sharp Healthcare: <https://careers.sharp.com/>
- Scripps Health: <https://www.scripps.org/about-us/careers>
- Rady Children's Hospital: <https://jobs.rchsd.org/>
- Family Health Centers of San Diego: <https://www.fhcsd.org/careers/>
- UC San Diego: <https://jobs.ucsd.edu/>
- Kaiser Permanente: <https://www.kaiserpermanentejobs.org/>
- Palomar Health: <https://www.palomarhealth.org/careers/careers-at-palomar-health>
- Peak Health Solutions: Multiple Positions-Contact-Monica Herra (949) 721-2795 mherra@hcsstat.com
- Excite Health Partners: Multiple IP/OP Remote Coder Positions-Contact-Ann McGrail (216) 447-9808x1020 amcgrail@excitehp.com
- San Diego County: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sdcounty> - Use dropdown menu to find job category.
- State of California: <https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/>
- Veterans health: <https://www.vacareers.va.gov/>
- * SAN YSIDRO HEALTH: Contact-Marci Arkin marci.arkin@syhealth.org
Website: www.syhealth.org



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- Contact: Alejandro Sangiovanni <https://nextgate.com/about-us/careers/>

Please contact us at careers@nextgate.com for more information.

REMOTE Opportunities

- <https://remote.co/remote-jobs/healthcare/>
- <https://www.indeed.com/q-Work-Remote-Healthcare-jobs.html>
- <https://www.flexjobs.com/blog/post/top-companies-for-remote-jobs-in-healthcare/>
- https://www.glassdoor.com/Job/remote-healthcare-jobs-SRCH_IL.0,6_IS11047_KO7,17.htm?fromAge=30
- <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Jobs/Remote-Healthcare-Consultant>
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Save The Date

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Strategic Planning Meeting

July 18, 2020

2019-2020 SDHIA BOARD, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

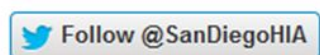
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- Hostess: Hailey Lee; Walid Al Abdullah

CHIA BUSINESS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

1. July 31, 2019 CLA Name of the Nominating Committee Representative
2. July 31, 2019 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
3. Jan 31, 2020 CLA Financial Reports & Quicken data file
4. Feb 28, 2020 CLA Leadership Rosters
 - CLA Delegates to the 2020 CHIA House
 - CLA Board Leaders for FY 2020- 2021 (FY starts July 1, 2020)
5. May 1, 2020 CLA Proposed Budget
6. May 1, 2020 CLA Annual Report

**SDHIA Social Media Corner**

Join us and stay connected for the latest news, events, and networking opportunities.
 Keyword for search: **SDHIA** (San Diego Health Information Association)



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