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[Jessica Miller-Dobbs](#), CPC, CPC-P, CGIC

Director of Professional Coding

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Highly skilled and customer-focused healthcare professional with over two decades of industry expertise, showcasing a proven track record of achievements. Proficient in medical coding across various settings, including Professional Fee coding and Billing, FQHC, RHC, CAHs, Outpatient, Home Health, Long Term Care, Hospice, Pharmacy, and Physician Coding Denials.

Known for training support staff on essential aspects of medical billing/denials, referrals, insurance processing, pre-authorizations, pre-certifications, and patient registration. A proactive professional who initiates, develops, and implements process improvements to enhance efficiency. Collaborates effectively with providers to optimize revenue by reviewing and educating on documentation requirements for services rendered.

Jessica Miller-Dobbs is a physician and coding educator with a focus on multispecialty. She imparts valuable education to clients through platforms such as Ciox round tables, AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders) chapter meetings, and AAPC National and Regional conferences. Currently, she is contributing her expertise during a 3-year term on the AAPC National Board (NAB).

[Hans J. Buitendijk](#), MSc, FHL7

Sr. Director, Interoperability Strategy

Oracle Health

Hans Buitendijk, M.Sc., FHL7 has been involved for more than 40 years in the development of HIT solutions, consulting on strategic HIT planning, large scale business process re-engineering and systems integration, and complex project management, bridging the gap between business process optimization and IT support, as well as improving interoperability across HIT within and across the healthcare ecosystem.

As Senior Director of Interoperability Strategy at Oracle Health, Hans primarily focuses on establishing and propagating industry standards to enable interoperability across the diverse systems prevalent in health IT. He represents Oracle Health in various industry organizations/initiatives to advance interoperability such as HL7, Argonaut, Da Vinci, HELIOS, EHRA, CARIN Alliance, CommonWell Health Alliance, Carequality, and The Sequoia Project to increase adoption of standards-based interoperability, and is a current member of ONC's HIT Advisory Committee (HITAC).

Steven E. Waldren, M.D., M.S.

Chief Medical Informatics Officer

American Academy of Family Physicians

Steven E. Waldren, MD, MS is the Chief Medical Informatics Officer at the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is a nationally recognized expert in health information technology and has over 20 years of experience. Prior to joining the AAFP, Dr. Waldren was a

National Library of Medicine Medical Informatics Postdoctoral Fellow at the Univ. of Missouri, Columbia; At which time, Dr. Waldren

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earned a master's degree in Medical Informatics. Dr. Waldren is also a residency trained family physician. Besides his role at the AAFP, he also participates in many national health care informatics initiatives including board member of Logica Health, co-chair of the Da Vinci Clinical Advisory Council, and past commissioner on the federal Medicaid Payment and Access Commission.

Deborah A. Adair, RHIA, MPH, MS
Executive Director, Enterprise Health Information Management
Mass General Brigham

Deborah Adair, RHIA, MPH, MS is currently the Executive Director of Enterprise Health Information Management Digital for Mass General Brigham in Boston where she is responsible for overseeing centralized health information and privacy operations across a large integrated health care system which includes Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, community and specialty hospitals, a health plan, physician network, community health centers, home care and other health-related entities. As a dedicated health information professional, Deborah's priority is assuring timely access to reliable health information, while respecting patient privacy rights and preferences. She and her team have implemented numerous processes to involve patients in choices for sharing their health information in a secure and confidential manner. Recently the HIM unit joined the digital team which focuses on technology, processes and people to help deliver the best outcomes in patient care. Deborah chairs an interdisciplinary HIE Operating Committee that recommends actions related to strategic and operational exchange of electronic health information.

Deborah is a member of the Massachusetts HIT Council whose goal is to advance the use of the state HIE, known as the Mass HIway. She is also member of the AHIMA Advocacy and Policy Council.

Deborah earned her Master's in Public Health from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science in Health Records Administration from Northeastern University.

[Amy M. Joseph](#)

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Co-Chair, Digital Health Practice
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Melissa Young, MHA, RHIT
Senior Director, Enterprise Coding for Common Spirit Health
Colorado/Utah/and Kansas Divisions

Melissa Young, who has 25 plus years experience in the HIM and Coding field. She has been responsible for Coding Compliance, Inpatient Coding, Outpatient Coding, Physician Coding, CDI, HIM, and Consulting in her past positions. She is currently Senior Director, Enterprise Coding for CommonSpirit Health for the Colorado/Utah/and Kansas Divisions & MaHIMA's President Elect.