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AHIMA House of Delegates Speaker of the House
AHIMA Board of Directors
Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM)
AHIMA Certification Team (certification@ahima.org)
AHIMA Interim Chief Executive Officer
AHIMA Component State Associations

RE: AHIMA CEU Rule Revision

On behalf of the credentialed HIM members of the signed Component Associations (CA), we are requesting the Speaker of the House call for an emergency meeting of the House of Delegates to discuss the AHIMA CEU Rule Revision. This revision is slated for implementation on January 1, 2025, which requires 40% of the CEUs be from AHIMA only.

As afforded to members of the House of Delegates (HOD), under AHIMA Bylaws section 7.1, the HOD has “the authority to establish committees...to address membership and professional issues...” Our membership has directed our Board to continue advocating for the elimination of this new rule. Our members have spoken loud and clear that this proposed rule is unjust and will bring financial and professional development hardship to them. Of specific concern is that the CAs are excluded from the 40% requirement. It is the grassroots efforts of the CAs which AHIMA has depended on heavily for providing high quality, on target, inexpensive CEUs at our local events. The idea that CAs do not have the same rigor or quality of an AHIMA event is, quite frankly, insulting.

While we acknowledge that AHIMA Bylaws afford CCHIIM as the “sole independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification and recertification”, section 11.1.b of the AHIMA Bylaws also states that while “the Commission shall exist as an independent body within AHIMA; however, for tax, fiscal, and other administrative purposes, the Commission shall be considered an AHIMA function.” As such, CCHIIM does in fact fall under AHIMA business and therefore the HOD purview. We believe this verbiage affords the House of Delegates a resounding voice in the development process of the recertification requirements.

Furthermore, under AHIMA Bylaws section 7.3, this letter shall serve as a written request to schedule an ad hoc HOD meeting by the Speaker of the House, on behalf of the HOD, for further discussions regarding this requirement. Specifically, a meeting time in advance of the implementation date. While we know finding extra time to schedule this emergency meeting will be difficult, we feel it is critically important our member and Delegate voices be heard and we are assured AHIMA/CCHIIM is working towards a better solution than just a delay before the implementation date. We are requesting a meeting be scheduled no later than **January 31, 2024** to allow ample time to find a solution.

We recommend the following agenda for the ad hoc HOD meeting:

- Discussion of the financial impact this change has on both CAs and members
- Inclusion of CAs and other ACEP providers in the 40% requirement
- Complete removal of the 40% requirement until a resolution can be put in place

Collectively,

Oklahoma Health Information Management Association

Louisiana Health Information Management Association

Vermont Health Information Management Association

Mississippi Health Information Management Association

Massachusetts Health Information Management Association

Kentucky Health Information Management Association

Maine Health Information Management Association

West Virginia Health Information Management Association

Alaska Health Information Management Association

Pennsylvania Health Information Management Association

South Carolina Health Information Management Association

Arizona Health Information Management Association

Kansas Health Information Management Association

Iowa Health Information Management Association

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