



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Trudy O'Bar

Welcome to March! Is Mother Nature being capricious or what? Spring hopefully will be here before we know it!

This is National Patient Safety Week and I hope we all enjoy our constant and rewarding work to improve the quality and safety of care we give to our patients in our worlds.

We are working on some great educational sessions in 2014, be watching for more information soon as to dates and topics! There has been some interesting discussion with University of Southern Maine's Muskie Institute. Their Patient Safety Academy (in its fifth year this year) is being planned for September 5th on the USM campus. They would love to offer CPHQ CEUs for our members so we have begun that process to benefit us! We have had to move our Fall session to the following Friday, October 17th, due to conflict with the Maine Health Management Coalition Symposium. We are now planning our Fall Session at Maine Health in Portland.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or suggestions for improving what we can do together!

MAHQ Spring Program **April 4, 2014**



Willette Conference Center
900 Broadway Street
St Joseph's Hospital
Bangor

Save these dates:

MAHQ Spring Program Apr 4, 2014

MHA Summer Forum/Rockport June 18-20, 2014

NAHQ Annual Conference/Nashville Sept 7-10, 2014

MAHQ Fall Program Friday Oct 17, 2014 at Maine Health

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ICD-10 Transition

From nahq.org

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has proposed a rule that would extend the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) diagnosis and procedure codes compliance deadline to **October 1, 2014**. This deadline is a set deadline for everyone and would not be staggered.

The HHS originally published a final rule to adopt ICD-10 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 with a compliance date of October 1, 2013. ICD-10 implementation would incorporate procedures and diagnoses not previously covered in ICD-9. According to the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#), the transition "will lead to improved accuracy in reimbursement for medical services, fraud detection, and historical claims and diagnoses analysis for the healthcare system."

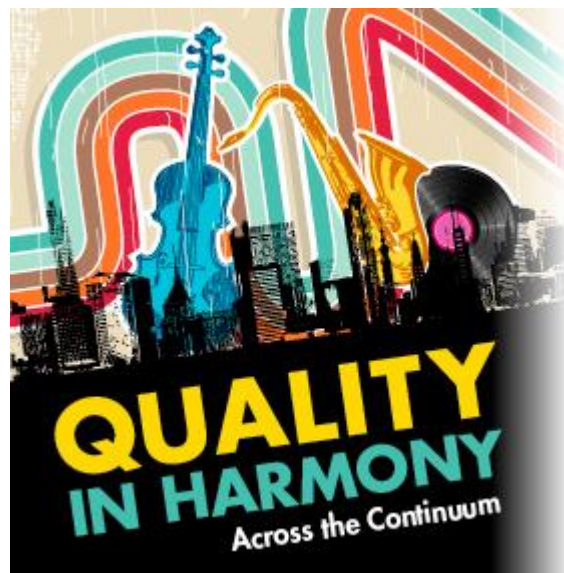
Whether you are involved in the transition or will benefit from the improved data provided by the new coding structure, this page offers tools, resources, and information suggested by your NAHQ colleagues.



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Spring Ahead
Sunday March 9th