MAINE HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MeHIMA)

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 – 8:00	***Registration and Continental Breakfast***	
8:00 – 8:30	***Welcome, Announcements and a Proper Kick-off***	Rhonda Vigue, RHIT, CHP President, MeHIMA
8:30 – 9:30 General Session	***The Weight We Hold: Finding Balance, Purpose and Growth in Health Information Management*** You asked for it, so we responded. We are bringing Dr. Campbell back to Maine with an inspirational message suitable for all attendees. Find your balance, purpose and growth in HIM during our energetic opening presentation. Eligible for 1 CEU Organizational Management and Leadership	Dr. Lisa Campbell, PhD, MHA
9:30 – 10:30 General Session	***AHIMA In Action*** In alignment with MeHIMA's strategic initiatives to improve member engagement and satisfaction, we are bringing back "in person" AHIMA updates directly from AHIMA Board members. This presentation will highlight strategic issues at the national level, financial updates, member value enhancements and workforce development. Eligible for 1 CEU Evolving Topics/Organizational Update	Daniel Utech, MBA, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA Director, AHIMA Board of Directors
10:30 – 11:00	***Networking Break*** Take this opportunity to stretch, network, and visit our vendor tables.	

11:00 – 12:00	***MeHIMA Business Meeting, Installation of Officers, and Award Presentation***	Rhonda Vigue, RHIT, CHP President, MeHIMA
12:00 – 1:00	***Special 75th Anniversary Luncheon*** Join us for a special anniversary luncheon in our very own version of a 1950's diner.	
Breakout Sessions	Pick One	
1:00 – 2:00 Breakout Option 1	LEADERSHIP/LEGAL ***Unseen Influences: How Experience Shapes Decisions and Leadership*** Dr. Campbell provides an engaging exploration of how personal experiences, professional environments, and unexamined assumptions influence decision-making, communication, relationships, and professional growth. Eligible for 1 CEU Organizational Management and Leadership	Dr. Lisa Campbell, PhD, MHS
1:00 – 2:00 Breakout Option 2	ACUTE CARE CODING TRACK ***"ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Update" part 1*** This two-hour program will cover both the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Updates for FY20227 with about 1 hour dedicated to each code set. The program includes a discussion of the new codes, new coding notes and guideline changes for ICD-10-CM. For ICD-10-PCS, we'll discuss the new codes in all the sections and learn to recognize the new procedures in the documentation. We'll look at the minor guideline changes and the updates to the Body Part Key, Device Key and the Substance Key. Come ready to learn so you'll be "in the know" for October 1. Eligible for 1 CEU Revenue Cycle Management	Lynn Kuehn, MS, RHIA, CCS-P, FAHIMA

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2:00 – 3:00 Breakout Option 1	LEADERSHIP/LEGAL ***Managing Multiple Generations in the Post-Pandemic World*** Managing multiple generations in the workforce before March 2020 was challenging enough. Add a world-changing pandemic into the mix, and you have a whole new set of challenges. Traditional Health Information Management leadership and roles as we once knew them are gone. Reduced staffing, enterprise leadership, remote environments and an aging workforce have created a complex set of challenges for today's leaders. This presentation will explore the current generational landscape, review what has changed, discuss the challenges that we face, and provide realistic strategies to build a unified culture in the workplace. Eligible for 1 CEU Organization Management and Leadership	Rhonda Vigue, RHIT, CHP
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2:00 – 3:00 Breakout Option 3	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CODING TRACK ***Overcoming the Challenges of Behavioral Health Coding*** This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the key challenges and complexities associated with behavioral health (BH) coding across both inpatient and outpatient settings. It explores common pitfalls encountered throughout the continuum of care, from the psychiatric diagnostic evaluation to the delivery of specialty treatments. Emphasis is placed on the critical role of accurate and thorough documentation, as well as the nuanced coding guidelines that often present challenges for providers and coding professionals. Attendees will gain insight into frequent coding conundrums, regulatory considerations, and best practices to enhance compliance, accuracy, and reimbursement in behavioral health services. Eligible for 1 CEU Revenue Cycle Management	Tami Hemond, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CEMC, CPMA Director of HIM and Coding Brattleboro Retreat
3:00 – 3:15	***Networking Break and Afternoon Snack***	
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3:15 – 4:15 Breakout Option 1	LEADERSHIP/LEGAL ***Universal Translator? AI Versus Human Translation for Spanish–English Patient Portal Messages: Accuracy, Risk, and Governance*** This presentation explores a study evaluating large language models for Spanish–English patient portal translation across U.S. health systems. The presentation	Daniel Utech, MBA, RHIA, CHPS, FAHIMA Director, AHIMA Board of Directors

	highlights governance strategies including risk-based routing, quality monitoring, and ACA Section 1557 compliance, while emphasizing expanded language access and health equity without compromising safety or information quality. Eligible for 1 CEU Data Structure, Content, and Information Governance	
3:15 – 4:15 Breakout Option 2	ACUTE CARE CODING TRACK ***Coding Complications*** Join us for this presentation that covers the application of the Official Coding Guidelines for Coding and Reporting and AHA Coding Clinic advice pertinent to coding of complications, sequencing of complication codes, identifying documentation requirements and how to recognize complications in the provider documentation. Eligible for 1 CEU Revenue Cycle Management	Regina Shelkova, MS, RHIA, CCS, CRC, CICA Consultant. Compliance/Audit Services Health Information Systems/Solventum
3:15 – 4:15 Breakout Option 3	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CODING TRACK ***DSM5 Code Assignments Explained*** Clinicians and providers have used the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders classification system for many decades. In this presentation, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, April Archibald will explain how clinicians use DSM5 to diagnose patients in Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder settings. Gain a better understanding of the codes that you see and assign day to day.	April Archibald, LADC, CCS Director of Cedar Road Detox and MAT, Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness

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4:15 – 4:30 Closing Remarks/Stay Till the End Giveaways	Gather back in the main conference room for the "Stay Till the End" Giveaways and Vendor Drawings You must be present to win, so plan to stick around for the final 15 minutes of the conference…	