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Maryland ACDIS



# Upcoming Events

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| **Next Maryland ACDIS**  **meeting**:    April 12, 2019  WebEx by nThrive:  CEU will be offered  June 21  August 16  October 18  December 6  *All meetings are from 12p - 2p*  *at the Maryland Hospital*  *Association*  2019 Maryland ACDIS  Conference: Friday,  September 20th  April 4th, last day to get the  discounted rate for the  National ACDIS Conference.  More information on page 4  **Maryland ACDIS Leadership:**    Deb McClain, President  [dmclain2@fmh.org](mailto:dmclain2@fmh.org)    Angela Roeder, Vice  President  [aroeder21@gmail.com](mailto:aroeder21@gmail.com)    Kyle Gafney, Secretary  [jossik@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:jossik@holycrosshealth.org)  Teri Gruenberg, Membership  Liaison  [Tgruenb1@jhmi.edu](mailto:Tgruenb1@jhmi.edu) |
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# President's message

Hello Spring! (Finally, sheez!) The changing of the seasons is reflected in changes within our group. At our February meeting it was announced that Candace Blankenship has accepted an opportunity in a different state and will no longer be a member of our Leadership team. Candace’s expertise and sense of team spirit resulted in our members receiving regular CEUs at no cost throughout 2018 and into 2019. She also coordinated a 3 hour CCDS exam review focused on Maryland candidate needs to ensure exam success. We wish Candace the very best in her new role!

Your Leadership team and conference volunteer members are forging ahead to plan our 2019 annual conference. We are still locking down the speakers, vendors and topics, and hope to make a formal announcement soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone in April!

Deb

# Our unique status

During conversations with our members, and with the information we were able to gather from other chapter leaders, it is quite clear that not pursuing non-profit status is the best option for our Chapter. We still need to determine how we manage our meetings, CEUs and conference events in the future. We will address these issues as they arise and I am confident that there won’t be significant changes in the structure and function of Maryland ACDIS moving forward. Thank you to everyone who spoke up about how they want the future of our group to look and feel. I especially appreciate that some of you went out of your comfort zones at meetings and in conversations. It says volumes about the value you place on Maryland ACDIS. We are definitely unique as a state, as a leader in healthcare and as a Maryland local chapter. I am happy that we are choosing to stay true to our roots and excited to move forward with planning a successful 2019!

# Our new VP has been very busy

Angela Roeder jumped right into her new role by reaching out to **28** other ACDIS chapters to find out how they manage their chapters with regards to dues, charging for meetings and events, and non-profit status. Thank you Angela for your dedication to ensuring the success of our Chapter!

# Maryland ACDIS Leadership Elections

No, this is not a mistake. Yes, this same subject was in the last Journal. It’s election time again! The following positions are up for election: President and Education Coordinator.

If anyone is interested in learning about either of these positions, nominating yourself or someone else, please contact any of the Leadership members.

We are seeking several people to receive the votes, tally them and report the results to the leadership team.

# Thank you Members!

Thank you to all the members who have contacted Deb McClain and Candace Blankenship offering assistance in planning CEUs and the conference. You are invaluable and very much appreciated!

# 2019 Maryland ACDIS Annual Conference

A very big Thank you to Mary Plevyak who has worked to secure St. Joe’s for us again for the 2019 Conference. St. Joe’s has graciously offered their conference space for free again this year! The conference will be held on Friday, September 20th. More details to come on conference registration, vendors and speaker/topics.

# Membership Survey Follow Up

At the February 2019 meeting, results of the membership survey were shared. At that time no comparison had been made against our 2015 Membership Survey. The 2019 survey questions were current to the industry and the 2015 questions were current to the industry in 2015, however the questions do not exactly align. Below is a table with a top-level view to show the growth of our chapter members in the last 3 years.

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| **Survey Year** | **2015** | **2019** |
| **Responses** | **62** | **42** |
| **Years in Role (Majority)** | **2-5 years** | **4.5 years** |
| **Certifications:** |  |  |
| **CCDS** | **28%** | **60%** |
| **CDIP** | **3%** | **5%** |
| **Coding  Certifications** | **16%** | **38%** |
| **Setting** |  |  |
| **Hospital** | **93%** |  |
| **Inpatient** |  | **90%** |
| **Ped/OB/Neonatal** |  | **10%** |
| **Consulting Firm** | **5%** |  |
| **Non-Traditional** |  | **29%** |
| **Outpatient** | **0%** | **17%** |
| **Other** | **2%** |  |
| **Reporting to:** |  |  |
| **Quality** |  | **26%** |
| **HIM** | **33%** | **38%** |
| **Care/Case Management** | **18%** | **12%** |
| **Finance** |  | **17%** |
| **CDI** | **16%** |  |

# PPC Grouper discussion

Beginning with discharges for January 2019 we are using v36 of the PPC Definitions manual

<https://www.aprdrgassign.com/PPCWeb/defman.jsp>

log in: mdhosp

password: aprdrg401

From Justin Ziombra at the MHA: The next discussion with 3M and the HSCRC regarding PPC grouper concerns will be Monday, April 8 from 2-3:30pm. The meeting will be conducted via webinar. To register, click [here](https://mhaonline.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=mhaonline&service=6&rnd=0.0885838064663036&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmhaonline.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000040186b8d9d94e4349478bd0e480d87ad22e7dc9855f8a222ef8d56cd9f844cb9b%26siteurl%3Dmhaonline%26confViewID%3D122007182446178097%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAASUBc4fkSFTiIZLO7kCq4_dfiLxvtYuNz-49Hp01sYBaw2%26).

# CDI Social Media

Are you active on Social Media? While we do not currently support a Maryland ACDIS social media page, there are several resource available to CDI’s and Coding outside of ACDIS. Below are the few that I have stumbled across, if you have any more to add please send them to a member of Leadership and we will compile a resource list.

Facebook groups: Texas State Chapter CDIS, Maine ACDIS Organization, Clinical Documentation Improvement: Improving Health One Query at a Time, AHIMA, Just Coding,

Instagram: AHIMA Resources, Journal of AHIMA

Twitter: AHIMA Resources, Journal of AHIMA

Podcasts: ICD10Monitor

# ACDIS Membership Renewal and Chapter Information

There is a new online membership roster on the ACDIS site for local chapter members to fill out. Please be sure to complete it by this Friday 3/22 to be eligible for the special **new member** fee of $99. The new roster can found [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/chapter-membership-roster).

There is no special discount for renewals, but remember Maryland members receive quite a nice discount if you renew directly with Mike Bryant, our Retention Account Representative (see his contact information later in this newsletter).

# Don't miss the deadline for the National ACDIS 2019 Conference early bird pricing for Maryland ACDIS members

Register before April 5th to get the early bird group discount registration rate of $760. Contact Mike Bryant [mbryant@hcpro.com](mailto:mbryant@hcpro.com) or 1-800-650-6787 x.8127. See below for more details about the conference.



May 20–23, 2019 | Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center – Kissimmee, FL

Our 12th annual conference will be held May 20-23, 2019, at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. Registration is now open for the 2019 event. The early bird date before which you can save an additional $100 on registration is Friday, April 5, 2019.

The annual ACDIS Conference features unparalleled networking, the ACDIS Achievement Awards, and six concurrent educational tracks with a diverse range of sessions, covering best practices for staff management, physician engagement, clinically focused chart reviews, and critical regulatory updates to improve every aspect of your CDI department.

Base conference pricing includes a ticket to attend our opening night reception in the exhibit hall on May 20, as well as breakfast on all three days, lunch on days 1 and 2, and snacks and beverages throughout.

See above for special Maryland ACDIS pricing. Below is what everyone else is being offered.

**Non-Members**Base Price: $1,050

Early Bird: $950 *– Ends April 5, 2019*

**ACDIS Members**Base Price: $950

Early Bird: $850 *– Ends April 5, 2019*

**Group Rate (5 at price of 4)**Base Price: $3,800 ($760/person)

National ACDIS contacts:



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\*\*\*2019 Renewal Rate for MD ACDIS Members-$107\*\*\*