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Maryland ACDIS



# Upcoming Events

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| **Next Maryland ACDIS meeting**:  Friday, April 20, 12-2 pm  **2018 Membership meeting**  **dates:**    June 15  August 17  October 19  December 7  All meetings are from  12p - 2p at the Maryland  Hospital Association  **3rd Annual Maryland ACDIS**  **Conference will be Friday,**  **September 21, 2018**    More information will be  shared closer to the date |

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**Planned CEUs**

April 20th: Everything you ever wanted to know about the CCDS exam but were afraid to ask presented by Teresa Krepps

# About the Maryland Waiver

By Candace Blankenship

Maryland ACDIS Education Coordinator

The first Maryland waiver started in 1972 as a way to experiment with new ways of delivering healthcare while protecting the financial health of the large healthcare institutions in our state.   Maryland is the only state with a Medicare waiver.  Instead of following federal Medicare rules for payment, hospitals in Maryland follow Maryland-specific rules.  Under these rules, every payer — whether an individual, Medicare, Medicaid or a private insurer — pays the same charge for the same care.  This is why Maryland is the only state the uses APR-DRG as its primary coding system.  Because of the waiver, hospital services delivered to Medicare patients in Maryland are paid by the federal government at a higher rate than would be the case without the waiver.   To keep the waiver, Maryland must slow the rate at which total hospital costs are increasing. Each waiver typically lasts 5 years.  The current waiver expires at the end of this year and Maryland has met the waiver's requirements of slowing healthcare costs and improved patient outcome.  The state of Maryland and CMS are currently negotiating the new waiver that will take effect in January 2019.  The negotiations must be completed by July.  Because of changes at the federal level, the new waiver might be shorter than the usual 5 year allocation and some of the waiver goals might focus on transitioning Maryland into the federal monitoring programs.  The Maryland ACDIS chapter will be monitoring the negotiations and will provide our members with updates as they occur.  The goal of this year's conference will be to provide our chapter members with the knowledge and tools they will need to adapt to the changes that the new waiver will bring to CDI practice in Maryland.

**2018 Annual Maryland ACDIS Conference**

Exciting news! St. Joseph’s Hospital has been gracious enough to provide a conference space for our 3rd Annual Maryland ACDIS Conference allowing us to increase our seating capacity. However, this means that we had to commit to moving our conference to Friday, **September 14**. We hope that you can plan accordingly and join us.

The focus of the conference will be on the CDI impact of the new Maryland waiver that will begin in January of 2019.

This conference is a one day event that focuses on the unique clinical documentation nuances of Maryland. The conference committee has been working to organize another stellar conference. We thank you for all the feedback from last year’s conference and the team is diligently working to meet your expectations. More information will be coming closer to the date.

**Volunteer needed for Maryland ACDIS Vice President Position**

The Vice President position remains unfulfilled. Any interested member who would have a potential interest in this position or would like to learn more can also contact Deb McClain at [dmcclain2@fmh.org](mailto:dmcclain2@fmh.org). This is a great opportunity to learn more about MD ACDIS leadership and what kind of commitment it takes to lead our organization without making a full commitment. We are seeking volunteers to fill these positions until elections are held. The Vice President, Secretarial and Membership Committee Chair positions will be open for nominations and voting later this year.

**Highlights from the February meeting**

We had 18 attend in person and 29 on the phone. Mary Plevyak did an amazing presentation about Outpatient CDI. She was the lucky winner of attendance to the ACDIS Outpatient CDI Bootcamp at the 2017 ACDIS conference.

# National ACDIS Conference

Traditionally the Maryland ACDIS members who are attending the national conference get together socially one evening during the conference. If you are attending the conference, please send your name and contact information to Kyle Jossi.

See the ACDIS conference brochure for topics and details:

May 21-24 in San Antonio, Texas

<https://acdis.org/sites/acdis/files/2018%20ACDIS%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

ACDIS is offering a special rate for Maryland ACDIS members (must be a member of national ACDIS), contact Caison Morisey Morisey [CMorisey@HCPro.com](mailto:CMorisey@HCPro.com) or by phone at 800-650-6786 x 8108.

Last year 38 Maryland ACDIS members, plus another 40 from the DC area attended the conference in Las Vegas. Look for more information in the coming months about a theme and decorations for state pride lunch and Maryland ACDIS diner get together.

Once again two of our Maryland members will be presenting:

\*Candace Blankenship will present *Secondary Effects of APR DRG Assignments*

\*Mark Dominesey will present *How to Engage and Motivate Your CDI Staff* and *Pediatric Risk*

*Adjustment for CDI Professionals*.

*If you are planning to attend, please email Kyle* [*jossik@holycrosshealth.org*](mailto:jossik@holycrosshealth.org) *with your cell phone number and we'll put out a list so we can all get in touch with each other once we're down there.*



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# Job Openings:

\*St Agnes – full time CDI. Contact Lesa Moore [lesa.moore@ascension.org](mailto:lesa.moore@ascension.org) (still open 4/6)

\*Chesapeake Urology – outpatient. Experience required. Contact Olga Firstbrook [ofirstbrook@cua.md](mailto:ofirstbrook@cua.md) (still open as of 4/6)

\*Anne Arundel Hospital, contact Dina Groves [dgroves@aahs.org](mailto:dgroves@aahs.org) (still open 4/6)

\*Shady Grove Adventist, contact Barbette Welsh [BWelsh@adventisthealthcare.com](mailto:BWelsh@adventisthealthcare.com) (still open 4/6)

\*Southern Maryland Hospital contact Melanie Massey [Melanie.Massey@medstar.net](mailto:Melanie.Massey@medstar.net) ( still open 4/6)

# LABOURE COLLEGE OFFERS CDI TRAINING FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

By Barbette Welsh

I wanted to share some information with the group.   There is a college in Mass. that has started providing CDI training for college credits.  They currently have a certificate program that is 4 courses long and is completely online.  It has been in existence for about a year.  I thought it was interesting because always before when non CDI folks would ask me where they could go for training or learning about CDI it was always find a hospital that will take you and train you or expensive boot camps.  Anyway I am excited to see that academic institutions are starting to providovide something.

The director of the program also told me that she has had conversations with both AHIMA and ACDIS to find out if completing her program could be submitted in lieu of the two years of CDI experience.