



HEAL Coalition ALERT: *CongressDaily* Profiles HEAL Coalition Efforts on ICD-10 Implementation

The Higher Education Allied Health Leaders (HEAL) Coalition and the American Association of Community Colleges received mention in a recent edition of *CongressDaily* for their joint letter to Members of Congress regarding legislative changes currently pending that could have a significant impact on Medical Coding and Billing programs.

Former Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Donnelly, Senior Counselor to the HEAL Coalition, noted that more than 30 national medical associations have also contributed to the debate over implementation of the ICD-10 protocol, which Congress may consider during its “lame-duck” session in November. He continued: “The conversion to nearly 200,000 billing codes will have a significant impact on all aspects of health care, and we are pleased that HEAL has added value to this debate on behalf of the allied health schools it represents.”

Board Chairman Mary Lyn Hammer praised HEAL's efforts to draw attention to this issue: “Our members understand the need for allied health schools to have an impact on this important debate, and we have been able to do just that. We will continue to work with key stake-holders in both health and higher education in order to represent the interests of our members on this important legislation.”

If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information regarding the HEAL Coalition, contact Executive Director Tom Netting at (202) 626-8553.