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healthcare financial management association

**Hot! Hot! Hot! Topics!  
Thursday, November 19, 2009  
Watermark Country Club  
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Dear HFMA Members,

Our Educational Program on November 19<sup>th</sup> will bring you up to speed on the latest and greatest healthcare topics. Are you ready for RAC? Barbara Vandegrift from MedLearn will review the RAC data analysis strategies from the demonstration states and deliver lessons learned that can be applied to any size hospital. Internal audits and data mining along with process changes will assist in moving your organization toward a RAC ready position. Laura Appel of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association will give us more of the “inside scoop” on healthcare reform. Also from the MHA will be Vickie Seal with an update on state and federal issues. The afternoon will feature Andrew Smith of Impact Advisors “ARRA/HITECH Stimulus and Strategies”, and Patrick O’Hare of Spectrum Health, discussing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009-Health Information Technology Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. The Act earmarks over \$30 billion for healthcare technology. In this presentation, you’ll learn more about the impact of HITECH and how Spectrum Health is working with organizations to create and enable connected healthcare across western Michigan. Do you know what an ERISA plan is? Stephen Ryan of Miller Johnson will make sure you do in his discussion titled ERISA 101. He will help us understand these plans, audit their payments and dispute their denials.

Our next general meeting will be held Thursday, January 28 and focus on the Revenue Cycle. Please contact me or any member of the program committee if there are specific topics and/or speakers that you’d like to see covered during this program year...we value your input and want to ensure that your educational needs are met.

**Please register at your earliest convenience by faxing your registration form to Pam Allen, her contact information is on page two. Registering as soon as possible will help the chapter ensure that we have adequate space for the number of attendees and that we provide our caterer with the appropriate number for lunch.**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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**REFUND POLICY:** If cancellation is received prior to November 9, we will be happy to refund the registration fee. Unfortunately, we’re unable to offer refunds for cancellations after November 9.

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| 8:30 - 9:00   | Registration   |
| 9:00 - 9:15   | <b>President's Remarks</b><br>Tim Wescott, Chapter President, Western Michigan HFMA                                    |
| 9:15 - 10:15  | <b>Barbara Vandegrift, MedLearn</b><br>RAC Readiness   |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break  |
| 10:30 - 11:45 | <b>Laura Appel, Michigan Health &amp; Hospital Association</b><br>National Healthcare Reform                           |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | <b>Vickie Seal, Michigan Health &amp; Hospital Association</b>   |
|               | MHA Update   |
| 12:00 -1:00   | Lunch  |
| 1:00 - 2:00   | <b>Andrew Smith &amp; Patrick O'Hare, Impact Advisors &amp; Spectrum Health</b><br>ARRA/HITECH Stimulus and Strategies |
| 2:00 – 3:30   | <b>Stephen Ryan, Miller Johnson</b><br>ERISA Insurance Plans   |

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