

National Press Release - March 9, 2009

Newport Beach, California: U.S. Healthcare Partners, Inc., dba Health Information Partners (H.I.P.) has announced the promotion of Ms. Patti Ashley, LVN, CCS to President of its Hospital Coding and Compliance Audit Division.



"...in these days of compliance issues and RAC implementation, chart auditing is not only a key component to any compliance plan, it is a way to insure, prepare and protect your healthcare facility or practice from investigations."

Ms. Ashley brings 20 years of coding, audit and QIO experience to this new position. Her proficiency includes coder and physician education surrounding compliance and clinical documentation improvement.

With the expansion of the nationwide RAC audit program, Ms. Ashley's nursing, case management and RAC defense skills will assist H.I.P. clients to minimize refunds and reduce future financial exposure.

Ms. Ashley will supervise a team of 100 credentialed coders and auditors nationwide. Her team will focus on providing the following services: MS-DRG validation audits, RAC Defense Audits, Cardiac and Interventional Radiology Audits, Quality of Care & Medical Necessity Audits, OIG High Profile Audits, On-site & Remote Coding Support.

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Newport Beach, California: U.S. Healthcare Partners, Inc., dba Health Information Partners (H.I.P.) has announced the addition of Ms. Dianne Borna RHIA, CHFP, as Vice President, Revenue Cycle and HIM Management Division.



"...the economic terrain that lies ahead will present significant operational and financial challenges for our clients. We're ready to meet that challenge by providing a unique blend of Revenue Cycle and HIM Managers with the right expertise delivering the right results."

Ms. Borna brings 25 years of healthcare industry experience to H.I.P. having held senior management positions for both primary and acute care providers.

Her management and consulting experience includes HIM operations, Electronic Record Management, HIPAA privacy, Revenue Cycle Management and Information Systems.

Ms. Borna has held progressively responsible positions with national accounting and healthcare management firms. She will manage a team of 50 credentialed professionals providing the following services: EHR Transition Planning & Implementation, HIM Department Staffing & Operations Improvement, Coding Workflow, Document Imaging Mgmt/ Legal Health Record, Release of Information QA Assessment, Denial Management, Claims Disputes, DNFB/DNFC Reduction, Chargemaster Updates/ Conversions / Maintenance, Transfer DRG Revenue Recovery & Managed Care Contract Payment Error Identification.

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