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Outcomes Health Information Solutions Opens Clinical Auditing School

Charlottesville, VA, (April 28, 2010) - The Board of Directors of Outcomes Health Information Solutions, LLC (OHIS) announced today the opening of Outcomes College of Clinical Auditing, an all-inclusive clinical auditing school. Located in Albuquerque, NM, Outcomes College of Clinical Auditing specializes in educational programs for clinical auditing and compliance. The college provides both eLearning and interactive classroom-style training and quality assurance programs for Outcomes' auditing employees, such as nurses and certified coders.

"This is an exciting step for Outcomes, as well as a significant investment in our Clinical Auditing capabilities," says Wanda Kochhar, Founder and Chairperson. "We are committed to improving the quality of and access to reliable healthcare data; and believe this initiative will help us improve clinical auditing practices in the healthcare industry."

Outcomes College of Clinical Auditing conducts an intensive 10-week course - Clinical Auditing Training Program (CATP). New classes begin every 40 days for students meeting admission requirements. Students must possess an active RN/LPN license, is a registered health information professional, or is a professional coder with certification from AHIMA, AAPC, or AACCA. Taught by expert instructors, CATP includes 3 modules: ICD-9 Coding Guidelines, Outpatient Coding Guidelines, and CMS rules for Risk Adjustment. After 3-4 weeks of instruction, students move to the OHIS lab where they are given scores of practice charts and one-to-one feedback, to gain practical experience. Each student must pass a series of proficiency tests, as well as an intensive final exam, to obtain a graduation certificate from Outcomes College of Clinical Auditing.

Outcomes' newly-enhanced Quality Assurance Program is now located at Outcomes College of Clinical Auditing. "Our decision to house the QA Department at the College was strategic," says Kochhar, "This new QA Department is an independent unit - solely focused on providing objective oversight of all Outcomes' centers of excellence. Training, compliance, and quality assurance go hand-in-hand."

Outcomes' QA Department also provides independent auditing services to healthcare organizations such as Medicare Advantage plans to help ensure CMS HCC coding accuracy of internal staff and contracted vendors. For more information about all of Outcomes' programs, visit www.outcomesinc.com.

About Outcomes Health Information Solutions, LLC:

Outcomes Health Information Solutions, LLC (www.outcomesinc.com) is an industry leader in healthcare data acquisition, auditing, and analytics. Outcomes provides end-to-end solutions to health plans, provider groups, hospital networks, and clinical research organizations. With its exclusive service delivery platform, clinical auditing practices, and state-of-the-art technological tools, Outcomes delivers improved datasets to its clients for enterprise-wide initiatives. From HCC management programs to quality studies like HEDIS®, Outcomes provides data improvement solutions to help clients meet their objectives on time and on budget. With a compliance-based auditing approach as the foundation, Outcomes delivers precise results which supports its commitment to healthcare data improvement.

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