



## February President's Message



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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed your Holiday Season and spent quality time with friends and family. The Presidential Election is over, and it will be interesting to see what changes are in store for the ACA, and more importantly its impact on the Great State of Texas. We had Evan Smith from the Texas Tribune speak at our November Luncheon to give us his perspective on the election. As usual, he provided a wealth of information and was quite entertaining. Evan is the Co-founder and CEO of the Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan digital news organization recently called "one of the nonprofit news sector's runaway success stories".

Please note the great 2017 events and conferences scheduled for the first quarter.

### 1. January Events – Past Events

- a. Monthly Luncheon – Rick Lyman, MHHS VP of Revenue Cycle Management spoke about developing Revenue Cycle talent.
- b. Joint Conference HFMA/HIMSS Symposium – The theme for this annual event was "Using Business Intelligence to Drive Value Based Care". If you missed it, you missed a treat!

### 2. February – Upcoming Winter Institute – February 19, 2017

Texas Gulf Coast Winter Institute will be held at Top Golf on Interstate 10-West. This full day conference is "All About Payers", with an opportunity to receive 7 CPE's. We have several Payers and Payer related entities on the agenda. They will discuss new products and/or services to include: denial processes, recently completed unique risk based contracts, and finally President Trump's effect on healthcare. Please join us for our networking session at the end of the day with plenty of time to practice your golf swing and visit with our sponsors. This is a new location and a new group of speakers. We kept the price affordable and there is plenty of free parking!

### 3. March – Upcoming State Meeting – March 26-28, 2017

Texas State Meeting – Yes, back in Austin by popular demand! We will be in the beautiful new State of the Art Hyatt Regency Conference Center. Please join us in earning 18.5 CPE's over this 2.5 day event. If you are unable to attend the entire meeting, check the Texas State Meeting website for daily pricing.

Please check our website for details on the upcoming May 12, Spring Institute at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



Finally, thank you for all your comments and suggestions. We listened and will continue to respond accordingly. As President, my goal (based on your feedback) was to provide great speakers at a variety of venues that would appeal to everyone. We've made progress and will continue the work.

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