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Dear VHIMA Members and Invited Guests;

I'd like to invite you to attend the 57th Annual Convention of the Virginia Health Information Management Association. The convention will be in Hampton, Virginia for the first time at the new convention center and what marvelous accommodations we will enjoy. The annual convention is always a wonderful opportunity to network with others and hear great speakers on issues that concern us the most professionally.

Our theme this year is "Together Towards Tomorrow". The fundamentals of the HIM profession continue to evolve towards an increasingly electronic environment. To this end, we will have several speakers on e-HIM topics including the keynote speaker, Cheryl Servais – author of the AHIMA book Legal Health Record, who will open the meeting with a session on the legal health record. Other topics include a hospital's e-HIM experience, issues with hybrid medical records, JCAHO 2008, HIPAA and privacy. The second day is packed with coding issues such as MS-DRGs, RACS, POA, Clinical Documentation and clinical presentations.

Other networking opportunities include the Silent Auction and the President's reception. There will be many great items to bid on and donations go towards scholarship opportunities through VHIMA and FORE. The President's Exhibitor Reception will follow the educational sessions on the first day. It'll be a chance to chat with colleagues and exhibitors.

Please review the enclosed meeting agenda. I know you will find the topics of great interest. See you at the convention!

Sincerely,

Karen

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