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Ramapo College Offering Free Seminar on Making a Smooth Transition to the New Federally Mandated ICD-10 Medical Coding Standard

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey invites health care provider representatives from regional hospitals, nursing care centers, private physician practices and physician groups, and others who manage medical coding, to a free informational breakfast seminar on "Preparing for a Smooth Transition to ICD-10," on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, beginning at 8 a.m. on the Ramapo College campus, Trustees Pavilion, Room 1. The program is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Health Care Talent Network and The CODESMART™ Group.

As mandated by the U.S. federal legislature, the deadline for conversion to ICD-10 is October 1, 2014, and the implementation will require significant changes to clinical and administrative systems that capture and report these codes. The free informational seminar is intended to help those who need to create and implement plans for their ICD-10 transition, including planning for staff training and how to connect with training funding sources. The CODESMART™ Group will present "Where Should I be in My ICD-10 Implementation Process?" from 8 to 9 a.m. The New Jersey Health Care Talent Network will present "How Do I Get Grant Dollars to Train My Staff?" from 9 to 10 a.m.

The CODESMART™ Group is a national subject matter expert for ICD-10 education and compliance in the U.S. Ramapo College of New Jersey has partnered with the CODESMART™ Group to provide convenient online learning to the healthcare community in need of training in ICD-10. The program is delivered online to coders, billers, physicians, nurses, physician assistants, and others whose roles are impacted by the new ICD-10.

The New Jersey Health Care Talent Network brings together key stakeholders invested in New Jersey's healthcare workforce. The Talent Network aims to ensure that the skills of healthcare talent keep pace with the changing demands of this key sector of New Jersey's economy. The network also serves as a comprehensive resource, providing specialized services for employers, jobseekers, educators and labor professionals.

ICD-10, or the tenth revision of the International Classification of Diseases, is a World Health Organization-approved designation of the aspects of disease treatment that include categories of diseases and related treatment modalities. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has mandated that all medical practices, hospitals and other medical record keeping organizations be ICD-10 compliant by October 1, 2014. Training in ICD-10 to be in compliance of the mandate is also essential to insurance carriers for providing reimbursement, including the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Therefore,

there is an immediate need for ICD-10 training for new and existing physicians, clinicians, coders, hospital executives, and other personnel involved in patient care and health records.

Online registration for the free informational seminar is required to attend. Please visit: www.ramapo.edu/cipl/icd-10 or call the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at (201) 684-7370.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

The Ramapo College of New Jersey Center for Innovative and Professional Learning (CIPL) supports postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.