

Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) Exam Content Outline

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Domain 1: Data and Information Governance (17-20%)

Tasks:

- 1. Evaluate the integrity of the health record documentation
- 2. Apply knowledge necessary to process the required clinical data elements for quality reporting (e.g., facility committees, payers)
- 3. Understand and apply data dictionary standardization policies
- 4. Manage documentation and data standards based on organizational policy
- 5. Complete data analysis to inform management
- 6. Develop policies and procedures for health record data, documentation management, and information governance
- 7. Comply with retention and destruction policies for health information
- 8. Manage the integrity of the master patient index (MPI)

Domain 2: Compliance with Access, Use, and Disclosure of Health Information (15-18%)

Tasks:

- 1. Manage patient access to their health information, including use of patient portals
- 2. Advocate for patients and families in the process of obtaining health information
- 3. Process health information requests according to legal and regulatory standards
- 4. Monitor access to protected health information (PHI) internal and external to the organization (e.g., health information exchange (HIE))
- 5. Develop health information request workflows to comply with legal and regulatory standards
- 6. Follow breach of information protocols
- 7. Ensure compliance with privacy and security initiatives (e.g., cyber security, disaster recovery)

Domain 3: Data Analytics and Informatics (23-26%)

Tasks:

- 1. Support end users in EHR applications
- 2. Create reports and visual representations of data
- 3. Use database management software and techniques (e.g., data mining)
- 4. Audit documentation using a focused tool (e.g., CDI, quality, safety)
- 5. Optimize health information and other technologies to improve workflows
- 6. Support health information exchange solutions
- 7. Examine software applications and integrations for the impact to health information
- 8. Understand the information systems development life cycle, including the analysis, design/development, implementation, maintenance, and evaluation phases
- 9. Validate healthcare statistics for organizational stakeholders

Domain 4: Revenue Cycle Management (20-23%)

Tasks:

- 1. Educate providers on various reimbursement models
- 2. Validate coding accuracy
- 3. Monitor department of health and human services (HHS) clinical documentation requirements
- 4. Conduct clinical documentation integrity (CDI) activities in support of revenue and quality improvement initiatives
- 5. Support the claims management process (e.g., CDM maintenance, DNFB analysis, and A/R management)
- 6. Assign diagnoses and procedure codes and groupings according to official guidelines
- 7. Conduct revenue integrity activities (e.g., coding audits, denials management, and fraud prevention)

Domain 5: Management and Leadership (23-26%)

Tasks:

- 1. Develop and implement goals and strategies, including change management to support organizational initiatives
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge of contracting/outsourcing processes
- 3. Perform human resource management activities (e.g., recruiting staff, creating job descriptions, resolving personnel issues)
- 4. Perform and oversee work design and process improvement activities
- 5. Facilitate training and development
- 6. Prepare and implement budgets
- 7. Assist with accreditation, licensing, or certification processes
- 8. Monitor organizational compliance with health laws, regulations, or standards
- 9. Demonstrate knowledge to lead or facilitate project management