

## **Notice to AIHC Members, Students and Potential Students Regarding AAPC CEU preapproval of AIHC Courses**

Three (3) of our five (5) current courses were initially established back in 2001-2003 by Health Care Consulting Services, Inc. (HCCS): Certified Healthcare Auditor (CHA); Certified Medical Collector (CMC); and Medical Compliance Manager, Certified (MCMC). HCCS has been in business since 1983 (incorporating in 2001).

After each program was completed and beta tested, AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders) preapproval for CEUs was obtained and maintained each year since origination. This includes AIHC approval for 2008 and 2009 for all three courses from AAPC. The courses are currently approved from renewal date in 2009 to the end of the renewal in 2010.

On January 1, 2008 HCCS transferred these courses to a new non-profit organization, the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance, Inc. (AIHC). The reason for the transfer is to elevate the standards of these credentials through a non-profit professional certification exam board. Our board is comprised of attorneys, physicians, compliance officers and a prior student. We also feel that holding credentials through a non-profit organization helps to assure appropriate use of your membership fees and management of your credentials due to IRS prohibiting anyone to personally profit from the business activities of a non-profit.

AAPC (a for profit corporation) will no longer pre-approve AIHC courses when renewal dates arrive in 2010 due to their new policy: ***The AAPC will no longer issue CEUs to any coding curriculum that has a stated goal of preparing a student for a coding, coding-related, or administrative healthcare related, credential exam issued by an organization that has not been licensed and established in its present form for no less than 10 years.***

Although AAPC has preapproved CEUs continually for our courses and approved both HCCS and AIHC as appropriate vendors, because AIHC is only two years old, we will not have the ability to renew with AAPC.

This policy can be viewed by click on this link:

<http://djk9qtinkh46n.cloudfront.net/ppdf/2009-Vendor-Policies-Final4.pdf>

If you would like to submit your comments to us regarding this issue, please Email us at [info@aihc-assn.org](mailto:info@aihc-assn.org).

Please contact us regarding approval of CEUs through nursing boards and other national organizations for our courses.