

## HIM Connections, Inc. Recruits The Coding Center to Deliver a Broader Range of HIM Services

Companies Join Forces to Augment Customer Staffing Needs for ICD-10

May 6, 2013, Birmingham, AL— HIM Connections, Inc., an expert recruitment and staffing firm for health information management (HIM), proudly announces the merger with The Coding Center, LLC, a specialty outsourced remote coding services company and division of <a href="Doozer Software">Doozer Software</a>, Inc. Both companies are located in Birmingham, Alabama and focus exclusively on clinical coding and health information management services. The announcement was made by Kayce Dover, MSHI, RHIA, who is the President and CEO. The new entity will operate as HIM Connections, LLC.

Hospitals can't locate the experienced HIM staff they need to maintain quality, productivity, and patient or physician satisfaction. "Our companies recognize the enormous staffing needs associated with the implementation of ICD-10; even as provider organizations already struggle to find qualified coding talent," mentions Dover. "The synergies between the two companies made it a great opportunity to come together and serve our clients with a broader blend of services. The two companies have aligned core values of integrity, client focus, financial responsibility, development and balance."

"By joining forces we are able to not only help our customers find and employ the best HIM talent, but also augment their existing HIM staff," adds Sandy Syx, President, Doozer Software, Inc. "We know that recruitment and staffing is not a one size fits all model. The company is now better aligned to offer solutions that are designed to fit and evolve with our client needs", says Syx.

The transition from ICD-9 to ICD-10 represents HIM's greatest challenge thus far in the 21st century and industry experts predict nationwide coder shortages before, during and after the October 1, 2014 transition. In a recent KLAS report, <u>HIM Services 2012: Helping to Weather the Storm</u>, "nearly one-fourth of providers in the study plan to increase use of coding services".

The merger includes the remote coding technology designed and developed by Doozer Software, Inc. "The technology will continue to be used as a remote coding platform, and also as a document management solution for facilities with a hybrid EHR and as an option for facilities and/or physician offices without an EHR", mentions Syx. "HIM Connections, Inc. and The Coding Center have always been committed to providing quality HIM services. This merger further solidifies our commitment to our clients as well as the HIM industry", adds Dover.

## **About HIM Connections, LLC**

HIM Connections is a results-driven staffing and recruitment firm specializing in HIM. The company quickly locates qualified, credentialed and experienced HIM professionals to fill hospitals' HIM staffing needs; short-term or long-term. The company saves time for their customers by presenting fully-vetted candidates, building relationships with passive candidates, and offering flexible service options: staffing, recruitment and outsourcing. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.himconnections.com">www.himconnections.com</a>.

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