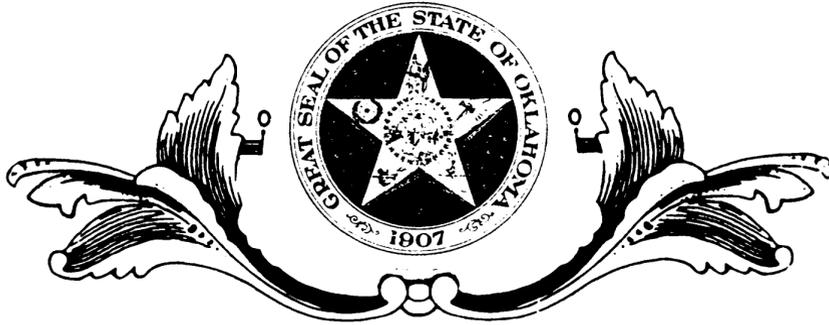


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# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, medical coders are responsible for identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury in populations; and

Whereas, medical coders are also able to identify trends and patterns in medical procedures and services; and

Whereas, the use of medical coders for disease and injury prevention has contributed to understanding correlations between illness and injury treatment, including heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious disease, and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

Whereas, correct medical coding is of critical importance in establishing disease patterns and determining reimbursement; and

Whereas, over the past decade, medical coders have achieved significant milestones in the enhancement of their profession through extensive education, training, and certification; and

Whereas, the integrity and high professional standards of Oklahoma's medical coders have helped reduce excessive and unnecessary expenditures through the examination of medical records to ensure the accuracy of each claim, which has also contributed to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and

Whereas, the need for qualified medical coders continues to increase nationally and in our great state in physicians' offices, payers' offices, and inpatient and outpatient settings;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2014 as

**"Medical Coders Day"**

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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ATTEST:

*Ch. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR