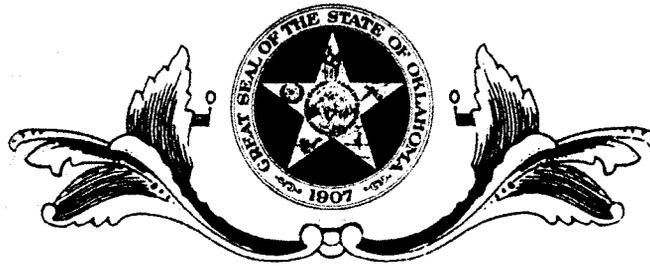


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, Oklahoma's professional medical coders skillfully identify patterns of disease, illness, and injury within populations; and

**Whereas**, medical coders identify trends and patterns in medical procedures and services; and

**Whereas**, the use of medical codes for disease and injury prevention has contributed to a greater understanding of the correlations between illness, injury and treatment in a variety of medical conditions, including heart disease and stroke, viral infections, infectious diseases, motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

**Whereas**, the integrity and high professional standards of our state's medical coders have helped reduce excessive and unnecessary expenditures; and

**Whereas**, the need for qualified medical coders continues to increase in Oklahoma and nationwide in physician offices, outpatient centers and hospital settings; and

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

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2016, as

## "Professional 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eight<sup>h</sup> year.*

ATTEST:

*Chris Benge*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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