

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION FACTS

- The Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) and the Medical Transcription Industry Association (MTIA), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and Department of Defense (DOD) are preparing to launch a program introducing medical transcription as a mobile career of choice to thousands of military spouses nationwide. AHDI and MTIA represent the medical transcriptionists and business owners who provide the clinical documentation services to the U.S. healthcare delivery system.
- Health information technology is a top priority for President Bush as a tool to drive down escalating healthcare costs, decrease medical errors, and improve patient safety. Yet we face a grave shortage of qualified medical transcriptionists to assist in transitioning our healthcare system from a paper-based medical record to an electronic health record system.
- Medical transcriptionists specialize in medical language and clinical documentation. They interpret and transcribe dictation by physicians and other healthcare professionals regarding patient assessment, therapeutic procedures, clinical course, diagnosis, and prognosis for the medical legal record to ensure accuracy and completeness for reimbursement, patient safety and continuity of care.
- Our project to promote medical transcription careers with the Department of Defense Military Spouse program couldn't come at a better time, especially with the nation at war and the need to retain military personnel is high. Military spouses gainfully employed in today's two-income families are more likely to be satisfied and willing to support their spouses' decision to stay in the military.
- The program will encourage military spouses to enroll in an approved school for medical transcription. Upon successful completion of school (approximately 18 months), the military spouse is eligible to take an entry level credentialing exam to assess readiness for apprenticeship, and then can begin employment through a two-year federally sponsored apprenticeship program with a medical transcription company. Military spouses can live, learn, work, and service clients in multiple states, making this career a great match for the military spouse on the move.