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**Richard Barker,
Administrator**

**Ambulance Emergency
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276-2400**

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276-3347**

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276-1542**

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211**

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276-2042
Hotline - 226-6424**

**Growers Market
276-9410**

Health Information Services

Linda Dixon

*Registered Medical Coder & Manager,
Health Information Services Department*

The hospital was not yet two years old when Linda Dixon, age 18, took a job as a switchboard operator and clerk on December 9, 1973. Now in her 44th year, she is the hospital's longest-serving coworker.

Dixon soon was promoted and trained in medical transcription, coding, and statistics in the department she now manages.

She completed the certification exam to become a Registered Medical Coder. These are the people who communicate with insurance companies.

RCMs have expertise in identifying and assigning the proper code for every procedure or service provided to a patient, and classifying them. On the basis of coding, the insurance company or Medicare or Medicaid determine how much will be reimbursed to the hospital for a patient's treatment.

"Coding is very important to the billing process to get a hospital claim paid," Dixon said. She performs coding for hospital inpatient stays. She oversees the work of other coding and claims review/medical record specialists in the department.

In recent years, as the hospital has converted from paper to computerized medical records, Dixon helped implement the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). She was instrumented in writing policies that covered the privacy and security of a patient's personal health information.

In another duty area, Dixon administers the biannual credentialing of the primary care practitioners, radiologists, and consulting physicians who serve the hospital.

She also is medical staff coordinator, setting up and attending medical staff meetings and serving as secretary to the medical staff.



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