

May 15, 2019

Beginning May 31, 2019, AHIMA will no longer offer the Certified Professional in Health Informatics (CPHI) credential or any of the various Certified Healthcare Technology Specialist credentials (specifically, CHTS-CP, CHTS-IM, CHTS-IS, CHTS-PW, CHTS-TR, and CHTS-TS).

The decision was made by the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) in an effort to align with AHIMA's current strategy as well as trends in the health information management field. CCHIIM provides strategic oversight of all AHIMA certification programs and is the sole and independent authority in all matters pertaining to certification and ongoing recertification of HIM professionals.

An assessment of the credentials found that demand for the CPHI and the CHTS credentials is low while the level of resources needed to develop exams for the credentials is high.

Individuals who hold these credentials can continue to use them but will no longer be required to report CEUs to maintain them.

In addition, AHIMA will no longer offer exams for these credentials. If you applied for the credential, but have not taken the exam, AHIMA will refund your exam fee.

The sunsetting of these credentials does not affect other AHIMA credentials. If you do not hold a CPHI or CHTS credential, there is no action needed.