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AHIMA Foundation Receives Certificate of Registration as part of National Apprenticeship System

Recognition Will Streamline Employer Access to Apprenticeship

CHICAGO – Jan. 11, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has recognized the [AHIMA Foundation](#), the philanthropic affiliate of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), as a National Program for Apprenticeship. The recognition of the Foundation's National Standards of Apprenticeship helps to provide a centralized approval process and streamline the route for employers to become registered apprenticeship employers with the DOL.

Registered Apprenticeship, a proven strategy, ensures quality workforce readiness training by combining on-the-job learning with hands-on instruction to prepare exceptional workers for American industry. The process of apprenticeship program registration with federal and state government agencies is standards-based. It is a process designed to ensure that working apprentices, program employers, and the general public can gain a clear understanding of the training content and the measures that are in place to ensure ongoing quality.

In October 2015, the AHIMA Foundation received a five-year American Apprenticeship Initiative grant from the DOL to support the expansion of registered apprenticeship programs into career pathways to meet employer needs, particularly into new fields like health information management. The AHIMA Foundation has been working with the DOL Offices of Apprenticeship in addition to state apprenticeship agencies to help employers work through the process of creating and sustaining their registered apprenticeship programs.

Employers can now choose to work with their state's apprenticeship staff or directly with the AHIMA Foundation. "This national recognition makes the process easier for employers to participate with AHIMA's Foundation in meeting the needs of a changing workforce," said AHIMA interim CEO Pamela Lane, MS, RHIA. "Removing the barriers and streamlining the registration process benefits employers, apprentices and the healthcare industry at large – a 'win' for all."

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About the AHIMA Foundation

Established in 1962, the AHIMA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) philanthropic affiliate of AHIMA. The Foundation envisions the future of healthcare, and prepares for that future with investments in research, workforce development, education, and innovative strategies that advance the HIM profession and, ultimately, better serve the healthcare community. The Foundation focuses on readying the HIM professionals of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. They operate under the values of philanthropy, innovation, leadership and integrity and strive to be recognized for excellence in health information leadership and research for the healthcare industry and the public. www.ahimafoundation.org

About AHIMA

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) represents more than 103,000 health information professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals worldwide. AHIMA is advancing informatics, data analytics, and information governance to achieve the goal of providing expertise to ensure trusted information for healthcare. www.ahima.org