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In 2003 Federal HIPAA regulations were stabilized with few modifications expected in the future. The HIPAA Academy recognizes the effort put forth by professionals to gain the knowledge necessary to achieve certification in the application of HIPAA regulations. Because of this final stability of the HIPAA regulations and the integration of them into operations of the healthcare industry, the HIPAA Academy is modifying the requirements for certification renewal.

Beginning July 11, 2005 HIPAA Academy will not expire Certified HIPAA Professional (CHP), Certified HIPAA Security Specialist (CHSS) certifications if the certification exam was taken and passed after June 20, 2003. Individuals who have earned the Certified HIPAA Administrator (CHA) certification and passed the examination after October 1, 2002 will be granted this same perpetual certification status.

Because the Federal HIPAA regulations were not finalized prior to 2003, and were in some cases modified significantly when published in final form, individuals who passed the CHP and CHSS certification examinations prior to June 20, 2003 will be required to retake the examination in order to be awarded an upgraded certification with no renewal date. Persons holding CHA certification will be required to retake the examination if it was originally taken prior to October 1, 2002. Individuals who took exams earlier than the specified dates and do not retake the examination will lose their certification credentials at the next renewal date.

Individuals who possess valid certifications may utilize the pertinent logo of their certification on business correspondence and business cards. These logos in photo ready format are located on the HIPAA Academy website in the Download Center at the following link: http://www.hipaaacademy.net/download_center/index.html

HIPAA Academy apparel is available for different logos in different sizes and colors. For more information, please visit <http://store.yahoo.com/hipaaacademy/apparel.html>

Thanking you,

Certification Issue Department.