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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM WAHQ!

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If you know someone who might like to become a member or if you are a current member and there has been a change to your information (phone, email, employer...), please complete the form found at <<http://www.wahq.org/docs/WAHQMembershipApplication.pdf>> and return it to: Gloria Field, 3740 River Drive, Plover Point, WI 54467.



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **RECERTIFY YOUR CPHQ! START THE RECERTIFICATION PROCESS NOW BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!** All CPHQs who took the exam or recertified in 2012 are due to recertify this year. **Applications and payment must be submitted by December 31, 2014.** <http://www.nahq.org/certify/content/recertification.html>
- **HQF CERTIFICATION GRANT** The HQF Certification Grant awards financial assistance to healthcare quality professionals who have not yet attained the CPHQ credential by sponsoring their examination fee. These grants are awarded twice a year. A total of 15 grants were awarded in 2014! **Apply for the Certification Grant by January 31, 2015.** [http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015\\_Cert\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015_Cert_Grant_Application_Fillable.pdf)
- **WAHQ 2015 CONFERENCE February 27, 2015**  
Glacier Canyon Lodge – Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells
  - **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** <http://www.wahq.org/conf/2015/default.asp>
  - **Call for Storyboards - receive 1 free WAHQ membership for each storyboard accepted for the conference. Submission deadline is 02/10/15**
  - **Call for Vendors Submit your application now!**

Quality, How it Matters to Me ...  
*"Yes that includes YOU"*

Annual  
**WAHQ 2015**  
**Conference**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Register NOW!**  
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- **NAHQ National Quality Summit: "Leading Care Transitions: Improving Quality & Safety Across the Healthcare Continuum"**, **April 22-24, 2015** Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, PA. Specific details about the summit will be available later this summer. **Register to attend in person or online** (login required) through a virtual offering. Physical space for this event is limited, so make your plans early to engage with your colleagues from across the nation and return with actionable plans to enhance your healthcare quality initiatives at work.

**MORE NEWS:**



**Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality**

**ARE YOU A FAN OF SOCIAL MEDIA?** Visit us on Facebook and LinkedIn – buttons have been added to the WAHQ home page for your convenience. <http://www.wahq.org/index.asp>

- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>

- **WAHQ Annual Conference** Friday, February 27, 2015  
<http://www.wahq.org/conf/2015/default.asp>
- **Check out the Fall 2014 Newsletter!** Check out News Blasts and Newsletters archived at “News & Views”! <http://www.wahq.org/news.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp>
  - Quality Improvement Coordinator RN, Independent Care Health Plan (iCare), Milwaukee
- Contacts for WAHQ <http://www.wahq.org/board.asp>
  - **Coming soon – nominations will be requested for WAHQ Board Member and Regional Representative positions with terms expiring in 2015!**



## National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

- Events <http://www.nahq.org/education/content/education.html>
  - **CPHQ Review Course** January 27- 28, 2015, Yale New Haven Health System – Institute for Excellence, New Haven, Connecticut **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/cphqrevjan15.html>
  - **CPHQ Review Course** March 16 - 17, 2015, Methodist Women’s Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/cphqmar15.html>
  - **Introduction to Healthcare Quality** April 22, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-apr15.html>
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  - **Introduction to Healthcare Quality** May 8, 2015, NAHQ Offices, Chicago, Illinois **Registration Coming Soon!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-may15.html>

## Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF)

- Grants

Each year, the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team awards individual grants to deserving applicants. Use those funds to attend the NAHQ Annual Educational Conference and other NAHQ educational programs or to pay for Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification examination or review costs. <http://www.nahq.org/hqf/content/individualgrants.htm>

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### Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

### Indiana Association for Healthcare Quality (InAHQ)

- Events <http://www.inahq.com/presentations.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

### Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events [http://www.ihaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members\\_Groups/affiliate\\_groups/IAHQ.aspx](http://www.ihaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members_Groups/affiliate_groups/IAHQ.aspx)
- **2015 IAHQ Spring Conference, May 12-13, 2015**, Holiday Inn-Jordan Creek, West Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.
- **2015 IHA Annual Meeting, October 6-8, 2015**, Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.

### Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ)

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/education/calendar-of-events>
- **State Conference (topics to be determined), October 11-12, 2015**, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan More details will be posted to the MAHQ site in future.

### Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals (MHQP)/HealthForce Minnesota

- Events <http://mhqp.com/events/>

- **ISO for Healthcare January 15, 2015**, time tentatively 11:30 - 12:30 - more details will be posted to the MHQP site soon.
- **CPHQ Review Course March 7, 2015**, Minneapolis VA Health Care System, Minneapolis, Minnesota. More details will be posted to the MHQP site soon.

*Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and/or suggestions for improvement for WAHQ News Blast.*

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