



Spring 2024

CCHI News Digest

Welcome to our Spring 2024 issue of the **CCHI News Digest**, where you will find the latest **CCHI News**, **Top Headlines** from our social media posts, and **CCHI Community Happenings**. The **2nd National Healthcare Interpreter Certification Summit** may be past, but we're celebrating CCHI's 15th anniversary all year long. Read on for more!

The CCHI Team

CCHI News

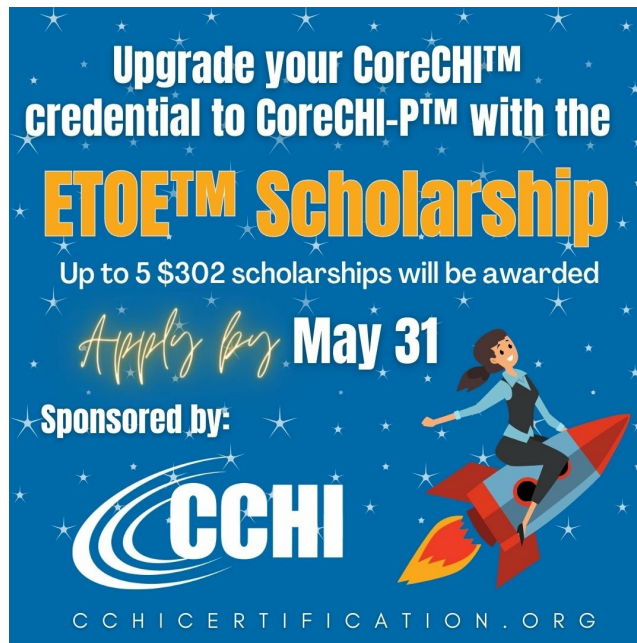


WE DID IT!

The 2nd National Healthcare Interpreter Certification Summit, "Setting the Course for the Next 15," was a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues from all across the country to learn, network, and exchange ideas for the future of interpreter training and credentialing!

MANY THANKS to all who attended and helped make this event a great success! For those who were unable to join us in person at the Summit, YouTube recordings of some highlights are now available. Don't miss CCHI Chair Vonessa P. Costa reading **Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's proclamation of April 6th as Healthcare Interpreter Appreciation Day!**

Click [here](#) for our Summit video playlist.



Applications for CCHI's new scholarship program, the ETOE™ Scholarship, are currently open! The inaugural cycle of this scholarship is sponsored by the CCHI Commissioners. We are so excited to support our CoreCHI™ certificants as they pursue a higher level of certification with the first performance credential for interpreters of all languages: CoreCHI-Performance™!

The first 50 (fifty) complete applications submitted by May 31, 2024, will be accepted for review. The CCHI Scholarship Committee will award scholarships based on merit. **Up to five (5) scholarships, in the amount of \$302 each, will be awarded to CoreCHI™ certificants who wish to earn their CoreCHI-Performance™ certification.** Scholarship recipients must take the ETOE™ exam by September 28, 2024.

[Click here](#) to download the scholarship application in MS Word format. Please fill the application out completely and email it along with proof of interpretation experience (see details in the application) to scholarship@cchicertification.org.

Top Headlines

[NJ Law Requires Translation and Interpretation Services for 7 Non-English Languages](#)

[In San Francisco's Chinatown, a CEO Works With the Community To Bolster Hospital](#)

[Social Factors Influence Asian Americans' Heart Health](#)

[Eslei! How a New Generation Is Reinventing Spanglish](#)

[Language Barriers Limit Healthy Aging For South Asian Seniors](#)

[Chinatown Health Initiative Promotes Health Accessibility and Literacy in Chicago and the North Shore](#)

CCHI Community Happenings

We're feeling the love from our amazing certificants as we celebrate 15 years of national healthcare interpreter certification! We asked interpreters certified by CCHI to share a selfie and a few words about why they are **#ProudToBeCCHICertified** and wow, the response has been incredible! Our campaign is going strong on all our social media platforms, but we want to hear from even more of you. Are you **#ProudToBeCCHICertified**? Show us by sending a selfie of yourself hard at work to info@cchicertification.org. Just remember to respect others' privacy when snapping that pic!

CCHI Community Conversations



On February 16th, CCHI gathered three interpreters from very different backgrounds, who have, within their own communities and places of work, taken a stand in different ways to advocate on behalf of themselves and their peers for better working conditions. Watch on [YouTube](#)!

CCHI Certification Q+A Videos

Don't forget: **CCHI's LIVE Certification Q+A** is here for you every second Friday at 12:30 PM Eastern time. Our next Zoom "office hours" (no registration required) will be on **May 10th**. Join us via our links posted on social media that morning, or via [this webpage](#), to ask the CCHI Executive Director and staff any questions you might have about the certification process. Make sure to check out our **YouTube channel** too, as your question may have been answered in an earlier Q+A session. Click [here](#) to find our Q+A video playlists on topics such as exam prep, renewals, eligibility, and training!

CCHI WEBINAR

Update to Section 1557: What You Need to Know

May 22
12:30-2pm ET

Featuring
Mara Youdelman, J.D., LL.M.
Managing Director of Federal Advocacy,
National Health Law Program
CCHI Commissioner

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The Update to Section 1557 regulations is FINALLY here! Released by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights, the highly anticipated updated regulations implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act emphasize nondiscrimination standards for healthcare providers and health insurance companies.

Join us on **May 22nd at 12:30pm ET** as CCHI Commissioner and Managing Director of Federal Advocacy at the National Health Law Program, **Mara Youdelman, J.D., LL.M.**, breaks down the intricacies of these regulatory changes. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of how these changes may impact the patient populations that we all serve. Don't miss this timely resource for healthcare interpreters and organizations!

Registration for this webinar will open on 5/14. Keep an eye out for our registration email, or check the [Upcoming Webinars page](#) starting on the 14th.

Interpreting Industry Conferences

As always, you can visit our [Conferences page](#) for more information about upcoming conferences and CE credits.

Look out for CCHI at these upcoming conferences! We'll have a table at:

- **24th Annual CHIA Educational Conference** on May 17-18 in San Jose, CA
- **NAJIT 45th Annual Conference** on May 17-19 in Providence, RI
- **2024 Paving the Way to Healthcare Access Conference** on May 31-June 1, in Boston, MA

Don't forget to stop by and see us!



The **SAFE AI in Interpreting Task Force** has continued its work to create guidance recommendations on the use of AI in interpreting. The Task Force is soliciting comments on the draft of its guidance document at safeaif.org/guidance through May 29th.

The document's purpose is to provide a resource for organizations, LSPs, technology companies – all involved stakeholders – that will inform their respective functions and roles in the interpreting profession regarding the safe and appropriate use of AI. The guidance document, when completed, is meant as a resource to help organizations, businesses, and individuals engage in the challenging discussions that need to be had around AI and its use.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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