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CMA (AAMA)®

SETS THE BAR FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL ASSISTING

The Importance of Maintaining Your Credential

Obtaining a certification in any field is a significant achievement. It shows that you are committed to your profession and have the knowledge and skills to perform your job safely and effectively. A great deal of time and effort goes into the certification process, and because of this, maintaining the certification you worked so hard for is equally important. As such, the key motivations for maintaining your credential are detailed below:

- Demonstrate your continued expertise and commitment to the profession.
- Keep abreast of the latest developments, trends, and advancements in the field.
- Enhance and advance in the core competencies and skills of your profession.
- Show patients, providers, and coworkers that you continue to hold yourself to the highest standards of your profession.

Reasons for Staying Certified

- Every accredited certification program has recertification requirements. Failure to meet the recertification requirements in the established timeframe will result in an expired certification.
- Once your certification expires, you are no longer certified and; therefore, not allowed to put the initialism after your name.
 - CMAs (AAMA)® whose credentials have been expired for more than three months can no longer recertify by continuing education and must take the CMA (AAMA) Certification Exam again.
- Be aware that certification requirements can vary significantly between states. While many states have no legal requirements for being certified, others require proof of certification for employment.
- Similarly, employers can have different certification requirements. While certification may not be required by one employer, it may be required by another.
- Research these requirements and understand the benefits and critical importance of keeping your certification current.