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PURPOSE: To inform the staff of OA and the State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of a new apprenticeable occupation, Public Health Informatician.

Public Health Informatician
O*NET-SOC Code: 15-1121.00
RAPIDS Code: 2010CB
Type of Training: Competency-based

BACKGROUND: Mr. David Callahan, MD, Director, Division of Applied Sciences, Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) submitted the Public Health Informatician (PHI) occupation for an apprenticeability determination.

A PHI is a public health professional who works in either practice, research, or academia and whose primary work function is to use informatics to improve population health. PHIs should be capable of addressing public health problems by analyzing how information is organized and used, enabling effective information management, evaluating information systems artifacts and the impact of informatics interventions, and contributing to the body of knowledge in this scientific field. Although such PHI specialists might develop expertise in a given public health program area, all PHIs should have core competencies in both informatics and public health.

At least two tiers of PHIs are employed in public health agencies; more may be developed depending on organizational complexity and informatics needs. The first tier includes researchers, scientists, project managers, and program advisers, often more narrowly focused in their work scope. The second tier includes more experienced persons functioning as senior agency personnel (e.g., chief information officers or public health informatics officers).

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Sage, Apprenticeship & Training Representative, Division of Standards and National Industry Promotion, at (202) 693-3221.

ACTION: OA and SAA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin.

NOTE: This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.

Public Health Information