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## New Government-Funded IT Apprenticeships for Healthcare



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The U.S. Department of Labour has given \$7 million to a [new umbrella group](#) overseeing healthcare tech apprenticeships.

The American Health Information Management Association Foundation (AHIMA), American Hospital Association, (AHA), American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and the National Centre for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) are leading joint project The Healthcare Workforce Consortium. The U.S. Department of Labour (DoL) has just issued a 7.1 million dollar award for its operation.

“We are thrilled to be recognised as a national leader in this area. The [AHIMA Foundation](#) strongly believes that this Apprenticeship USA initiative and the American Apprenticeship Initiative will serve as a catalyst to create job opportunities and career pathways for those entering into and those seeking career advancement in all healthcare professions,” said William Rudman, PhD, RHIA, executive director of the AHIMA Foundation said.

The grant is part of a wider \$20.4 programme targeting 14 industries across the U.S. with the Healthcare Workforce Consortium (HWC) positioned as the Healthcare Sector Intermediary.

The HWC will be responsible for funding apprenticeships in health informatics, health information management, health information technology and other fields in the healthcare industry.

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One of the chief objectives of the HWC is to narrow the gap between the theoretical and practical aspects of preparing for a career in healthcare and healthcare IT in particular.

Another important objective of the programme is to increase demographic diversity with apprenticeships from traditionally under-represented populations encouraged to apply.

"The HWC has the unique ability to ensure programmatic success of this apprenticeship initiative with our strong understanding of workforce needs, labour markets, and curricula development and credentialing/certification along with our wide-reaching networks that cut across healthcare occupations and industry and provider settings," said Doug Fridsma, MD, president and CEO of AMIA, in a statement.

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