IBC Retirements, Vendor Changes, and Reimbursements

During the 2020-2021 school year, several IBC certifying entities retired a limited number of certifications. Additionally, some vendors ceased offering certain exams. As the TEA receives notification of retired certifications and vendor discontinuations, the IBC Approved Vendor Crosswalk will be updated. However, school district personnel are encouraged to research the specific certifications their school district offers and plan accordingly.

Frequently asked questions and answers regarding IBC retirements, vendor changes, CCMR, and PEIMS reporting are listed below.

FAQs

**Question 1:** The IBC certifying entity retired the certification I was planning to give my students. May I substitute a similar certification that is not on the 2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability?

Answer: School districts are encouraged to meet the needs of their students. However, only the certifications on the Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability are eligible for reimbursement and count toward CCMR within the A-F Accountability System.

**Question 2:** The vendor listed on the IBC Approved Vendor Crosswalk no longer administers the certification. May I purchase the IBC examination through another vendor and still be eligible for IBC reimbursement and CCMR accountability?

Answer: Only the vendors listed with the associated certifications are eligible for IBC reimbursement and count toward CCMR within the A-F Accountability System.

**Question 3:** Will the TEA update the 2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability with additional IBCs and/or vendors when certification entities retire examinations or approved vendors discontinue examinations?

Answer: The TEA will not replace IBCs or substitute vendors from the 2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability due to the rigorous, stakeholder driven evaluation process certifications and vendors must meet to be included on the list.

**Question 4:** I receive a fatal error in PEIMS when I submit the vendor for Certified Nurse Aide/Assistant (CNA) as Prometric (480). How do I correct it?

Answer: The certifying entity for the CNA examination changed from PearsonVue (450) to Prometric (480). For the 2020-2021 school year, LEAs must document students who took the CNA certification test in PEIMS as PearsonVue (450).

**Question 5:** My students took Certified Patient Care Technician (from line 400 on the IBC Approved Vendor Crosswalk) and I do not see it as an option in PEIMS. What should I do?

A: For the 2020-2021 school year, LEAs who administered the Certified Patient Care Technician will document it within PEIMS by selecting “Patient Care Technician” (from line 786 on the IBC Approved Vendor Crosswalk) and select “Other” as the vendor. Please note, this is for documentation purposes. The only vendors approved for IBC reimbursement for the Certified Patient Care Technician remain American Allied Health (140), American Medical Certification Association (170), National Center for Testing Competency (390), and National Healthcareer Association (400).