



HIMSS bridges the IT knowledge gap for hospitals, healthcare systems and other provider organizations.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do we know if our organization is eligible for the HIMSS Organizational Affiliate program?

To be eligible for the Organizational Affiliate program, your organization must be a healthcare provider or a public non-profit institution directly allied to care delivery.

### How do I know which program level is best for my organization?

Program types are based on certain criteria such as the demographics of your organization. You can contact Thomas Greer, Account Executive at 312-915-9275 or [tgreer@himss.org](mailto:tgreer@himss.org) and he can assist you in choosing the best level for your organization.

### What are some of the benefits unique to the Organizational Affiliate program?

- *Unlimited* memberships for the employees in your organization
- Complimentary registrations to HIMSS events
- Access to the HIMSS eLearning Academy
- EMR Adoption Model<sup>SM</sup> report customized for your organization
- Complimentary HIMSS & HIMSS Analytics publications
- Account Manager dedicated to your organization's needs
- Discount on the HIMSS Grants Advantage subscription
- Discounts on HIMSS JobMine@ services

### My health system consists of many hospitals, clinics, etc. Is there a level available that will maximize more savings?

Yes, we can create a customized level (Premier) designed specifically for your health system.

### Is there limit to the total number of individual memberships my organization can have as an Organizational Affiliate?

No, as an Organizational Affiliate, your organization can have an *unlimited* number of Individual Memberships. Anyone from your organization can join, including your IT staff, IT stakeholders or project owners, and anyone who has an interest in health IT, including your key medical staff members involved in clinical informatics leadership roles.

### How will this program impact the current HIMSS members in my organization?

As an Organizational Affiliate, your current HIMSS members will be converted to an organizational individual membership. This is a seamless transition and does not impact a member's benefits or personal information.

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### **I'm a current member with several months left on my HIMSS membership. What happens to the remaining months on my membership by becoming an Organizational Affiliate?**

HIMSS will credit the unused portion of all remaining individual memberships against the fee for the Organizational Affiliate program.

### **I'm also a CHIME member. Will I be able to continue my dual HIMSS-CHIME membership as an Organizational Affiliate?**

Yes, once you become an Organizational Affiliate, CHIME will no longer invoice you for HIMSS membership. If you pay CHIME for your HIMSS renewal by mistake, HIMSS can process a refund for you.

### **As an Organizational Affiliate, do I receive a chapter membership?**

Yes, all members of an Organizational Affiliate receive a free membership to the HIMSS chapter of their choice.

### **What benefits do individual HIMSS members receive?**

Individual members have access to networking and education opportunities, resources & tools on the HIMSS website, free webinars, HIMSS Connect, participation in committees and workgroups, publications, and many more benefits. Visit <http://www.himss.org/ASP/individualHome.asp> for more details.

### **Do the complimentary registrations for Annual Conference include additional events such as the CIO Forum?**

No, the complimentary registrations cover your conference registration fee, but do not include "add-on" events such as the CIO Forum, pre-conference workshops, symposia, etc.

### **Can I earn Continuing Education Credits or Units through the HIMSS eLearning Academy?**

Yes, you can earn credits towards renewal for a number of certifications, such as CPHIMS and PMP.

### **As an Organizational Affiliate, what kind of discount will my healthcare organization get for hosting the CPHIMS exam?**

Organizational Affiliates receive a 50% discount for hosting the CPHIMS exam. To schedule the exam, contact Julianna Kazragys, manager, certification at [jkazragys@himss.org](mailto:jkazragys@himss.org).

### **How can I become an Organizational Affiliate?**

Download the application form at [www.himss.org/orgservices](http://www.himss.org/orgservices), complete it, and send it in. Please contact Thomas Greer at 312-915-9275 or [tgreer@himss.org](mailto:tgreer@himss.org) to determine your credit for existing memberships.

### **I just returned the signed application for the Organizational Affiliate program. What happens next?**

After you have returned the signed application, you will be contacted by your account manager, who will schedule an orientation with you to help you maximize the benefits of the Organizational Affiliate Program.