

# The CHP Corner, July 2020

For CHPs, aspiring CHPs, and anyone else on the bell curve.



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### **ABHP EXAM AND RECERTIFICATION**

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, things have been pretty crazy with the normal processes that occur throughout the year for applicants who planned to take the Part I and/or Part II exams. The use of social distancing and mandates issued by state and local governments have made it very difficult for some exam sites. However, with the assistance of numerous volunteers the Part I and II exams were given as scheduled. Due to concerns that may have impacted the candidates' ability to take the exam, all candidates were given the option to defer taking the exam until next year and not have to pay the fees for taking the exam. There were 87 individuals that deferred Part I exam and 69 individuals deferred Part II exam; 14 of those were to take both Part I and II exams this testing period. One individual had to defer the exam at the last minute because of having to assist a family member who became sick.

The same circumstances have impacted the recertification process. The recertification process can be accessed electronically at the ABHP website: [www.aahp-abhp.org/ce-policy](http://www.aahp-abhp.org/ce-policy). CHPs that were due for certification renewal this year (or in the future) might have been thinking of obtaining Continuing Education Credits (CECs) at the HPS annual meeting by taking Professional Enrichment Program or Continuing Education Lecture courses which were not available following cancellation of the in-person 2020 HPS conference. The ABHP is aware of this issue and is actively discussing how to move forward. The ABHP receives its accreditation through the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) which audits the ABHP's certification program and sets the CECs needed for recertification. Any changes regarding these requirements should be communicated to the CESB to ensure that the accreditation of the program is acceptable. We are in contact with the CESB about

this matter and are in the process of submitting a formal request to them on how COVID-19 is impacting our recertification candidates. If your recertification was impacted by the cancellation of the HPS annual meeting this year, please explain it to me via e-mail to [gw8799711@gmail.com](mailto:gw8799711@gmail.com) so I may gather information and present it to the CESB in our request.