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**AGH VICE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES ACHIEVES HEALTHCARE CIO CERTIFICATION**

*Berlin, Md.* – Barbara Riddell, vice president of information services at Atlantic General Hospital, recently achieved certification as a healthcare chief information officer (CHCIO) by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

CHCIO status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development for healthcare CIOs and is the only credentialing program that distinguishes healthcare IT executives from others in the industry.

“CHIME’s newest CHCIOs are to be applauded for their accomplishment in furthering themselves professionally and defining themselves as industry leaders,” said CHIME Board member and Certification Committee Chair Gary Barnes, CIO at Medical Center Health System. “These CHCIOs are sending a strong message that they have the proven skills necessary to guide their organizations in today’s ever-changing HIT environment.”

**About Atlantic General Hospital**

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset (Md.) and Sussex (Del.) Counties since May 1993. Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital’s state-of-the-art facility in Berlin, Md. combines old-fashioned personal attention with the latest in technology and services. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 25 primary care provider and specialist offices, care for residents and visitors throughout the

region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org).

**About CHIME**

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) is an executive organization dedicated to serving chief information officers and other senior healthcare IT leaders. With more than 1,400 CIO members and over 70 healthcare IT vendors and professional services firms, CHIME provides a highly interactive, trusted environment enabling senior professional and industry leaders to collaborate; exchange best practices; address professional development needs; and advocate the effective use of information management to improve the health and healthcare in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit [www.cio-chime.org](http://www.cio-chime.org).

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