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Kenny Koerner presents National AAHAM President John Currier with a Golden Microphone. I can't think of anything more appropriate! Congratulations John and thank you for all you do for AAHAM.



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President's Message

Hello AAHAM Friends!

Memorial Day marks the start of summer! School is almost out. Summer activities are soon to be in full swing. Baseball, swimming pools, cook-outs, summer vacations...who doesn't love summer?!

IL AAHAM is trying some new ideas for our chapter meetings this year. One of those ideas was a summer break. So mark your calendars for the fall meeting! The Charles Garvin Golf Memorial Golf Outing will be September 21st at the Den in Bloomington. Our Fall Conference will be September 22! Also in Bloomington...location to be announced.

We will continue offering webinar education during the summer months. Our education committee is busy preparing some very good educational webinars for you!

As your IL AAHAM Chapter President, I have the great honor of representing IL AAHAM by serving on the National Government Relations Committee. The National AAHAM Legislative Day was May 1-2, on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. It was the best Legislative Day yet! We had nearly 100 AAHAM members from almost every chapter in attendance. This year our issue resulted in a co-sponsored bill with bi-partisan support! Great Success! We met with our legislators and their staff to gain more support for the bill. The momentum is really picking up and we expect great results. This year our issue was Observation Stays Deny Medicare Beneficiaries Access to Skilled Nursing Benefits. SB 568 and HR 1421. I encourage all of you to go out to the National AAHAM website, <http://www.aaham.org/Events/LegislativeDay.aspx> download the position paper, read more about this issue and contact your legislators urging them to support this bill for a permanent solution to a critical issue.

The IL AAHAM Scholarship application process is quickly ending for this year. Hurry and make sure you get your applications in for consideration!

As always I want to take a moment and thank all of our Corporate Partners for your support of IL AAHAM! We couldn't do it without you! We have several new sponsors this year and we think that is very exciting! Thank you! Thank You!

One last item of note...if you have not renewed your membership, it is never too late!! The value that AAHAM adds to your career in networking, certification and education is immeasurable! Also, don't forget that student memberships are now FREE!

I wish you all a great summer with lots of memories and laughs! Go Cubs!

Yours in AAHAM-

Josh



Joshua Johnson, CRCP-I



2017 Calendar of Events



Sep 21-22 Fall Meeting and Charles Garvin Golf Outing
Bloomington, IL and golf at The Den at Fox Creek

Oct 18-20 2017 ANI - Nashville, TN - Opryland

Nov 30 -
Dec 1 2017 ASI - East Peoria
Holiday Inn and Suites Conference Center

Oct 17-19 2018 ANI - Bonita Springs, FL
2018 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

Oct 9-11 2019 ANI - Las Vegas, NV
2019 Caesar's Palace



Upcoming Webinars

AAHAM Presents Free Study Webinar Series For All AAHAM Certifications

Whether you are planning on taking any of the AAHAM Certification examinations, preparing for the future, or need the education to do your job better, you want to sign up for the webinar program. Statistically, those who've participated in our webinars have a higher pass rate than those who did not.

The CRCE, CRCP, and CRIP webinars will be four sessions covering each section of the exam. The CRCS and CCT will be a single session webinars covering the entire exam. These 90-minute study sessions require a computer, high-speed Internet, PowerPoint and a telephone line. The webinar includes a 60-minute presentation, a 30-minute Q-and-A period, and handout provided via email.

Registrations must be received the WEEK before each session. Earn 3 AAHAM CEUs for EACH study session attended. Please note that you will receive your confirmation and handouts via email the MONDAY BEFORE EACH WEBINAR.

The registration is for one line and one computer. The webinar format permits an unlimited amount of people to listen in from one phone. Correspondence and handouts will only be sent to the registrant. The full webinar schedule can be found on the online and downloadable registration forms.

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National AAHAM





GOP Idea for Phasing out Medicaid Expansion Could Backfire



Senate GOP moderates are trying to extend the life of Obamacare's Medicaid expansion in the chamber's repeal bill. But their latest idea is still likely to inflict budgetary pain and major coverage losses in a number of states.

Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, whose home state expanded Medicaid, has discussed phasing out Obamacare's generous expansion funding over five years after 2020. During that time, the 90 percent federal funding match for expansion would wind down to states' typical matching rates, which range from 50 percent to 74 percent.

It's a more gradual off-ramp than the House's repeal bill, which after 2019 only preserves expansion funds for people continuously enrolled in the program and blocks money for new enrollees.

Portman wants to give states more time to prepare for the loss of federal funds. But eight states have triggers to end the program — many of them immediately — in the event of federal funding cuts: Arkansas, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana,

Michigan, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Washington state.

Medicaid expansion supporters argue a funding rollback — no matter how gradual — would also quickly jeopardize the program in additional states fearing the eventual loss of federal funds.

"Everybody would be screaming and yelling all that time," said former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican who pushed Medicaid expansion through the state Legislature in 2013.

Medicaid expansion is one of the thorniest issues the Senate faces as it crafts a repeal bill. Thirty-one states and Washington, D.C., have expanded Medicaid to low-income adults — and about half of the states are run by Republican governors, who just like their Democratic counterparts want to avoid major coverage losses.

Brewer said it's helpful for states to have more time to adjust to federal funding cuts. On the other hand, state officials will face enormous ongoing budget and political

pressures, and enrollees would fear losing coverage the entire time.

"Whether they do it slow or long, it's going to be sheer misery for this great population of people," Brewer said. "It's a mess."

Red and blue states have already faced budgetary pressures under expansion at a time when they are responsible for just 5 percent of its costs. Under Obamacare, that amount slowly rises to 10 percent.

In Arkansas, which has a trigger terminating expansion within 120 days of unexpected federal funding reductions, there's been a continuous legislative struggle to reauthorize the program. In Oregon, where Democrats have full control of state government, lawmakers have considered eliminating expansion to help plug a \$1.6 billion budget hole — although they're expected to reject the idea.

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In Ohio, Office of Health Transformation Director Greg Moody said any situation in which Congress pulls funding right away would be "very difficult for states to deal with." Moody said Ohio wouldn't oppose a more gradual elimination of funding if there is a "reasonable path."

Ohio does not have an automatic trigger to scrap the program if federal funding declines. But legislators are far less supportive of the program than Republican Gov. John Kasich, who will leave office next year.

"The federal match is a powerful motivator for states. And that motivation can go either direction," said Vernon Smith, a consultant at Health Management Associates.

Sen. Pat Toomey, a Medicaid expansion critic involved in talks with Portman on the program's future, told local reporters that he

would be "open" to a longer transition period. His office did not respond to requests for comment.

Some Republican senators from expansion states expressed mixed feelings about winding down expansion funds.



"If we're going to fulfill [President Donald] Trump's pledge to keep people covered, then I don't think that's compatible," said Sen. Bill Cassidy(R-LA)

Moderate Democrats engaged in bipartisan health talks also say they won't support the idea because they want to preserve the program.

"It's a non-starter for me," said Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND). "I'm not interested in changing the Medicaid expansion."

Lanhee Chen, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, said states' reactions to reduced funding would depend on how much program flexibility they have under the Senate bill. But states have never confronted a steep funding drop on a scale like Congress is debating, said Cindy Mann, who oversaw the Medicaid program during the Obama administration.

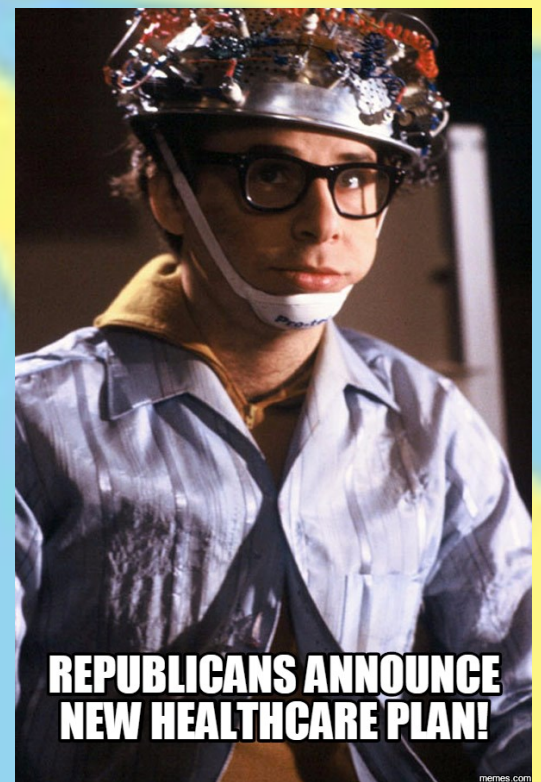
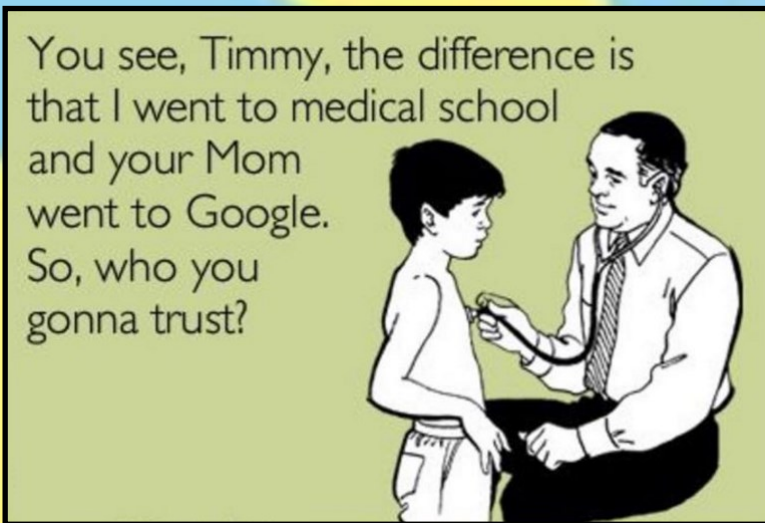
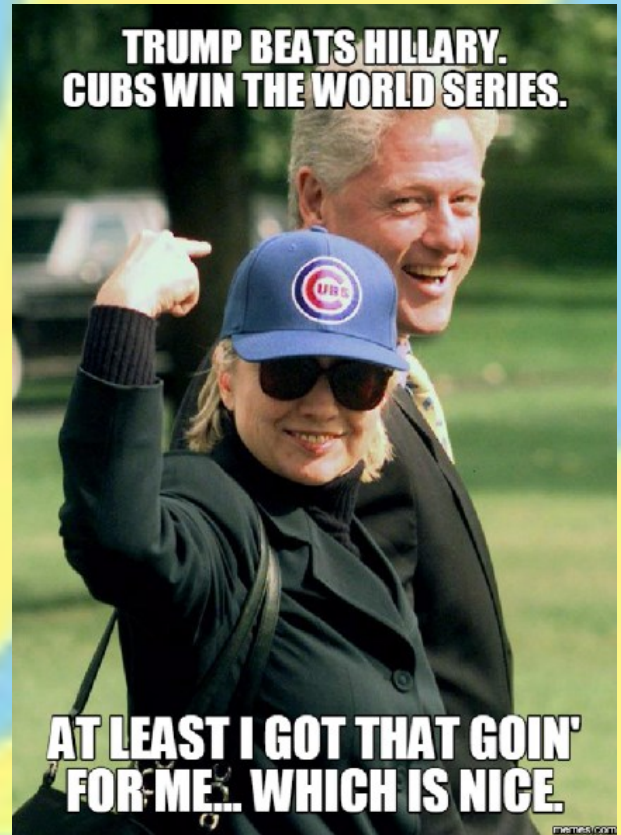
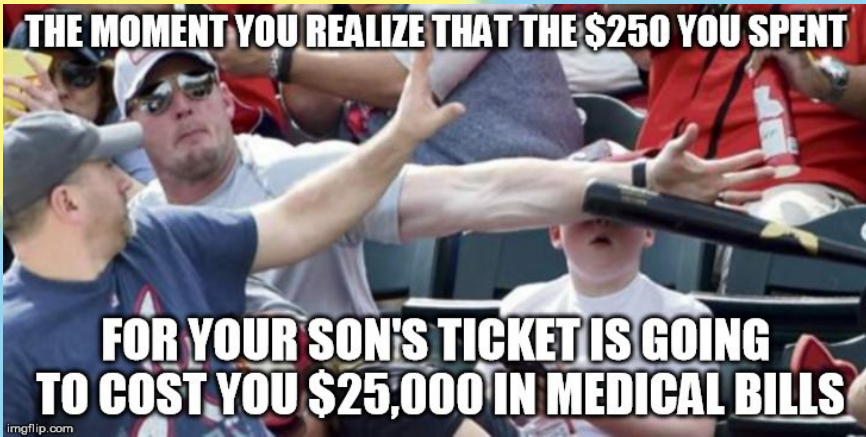
"I think there'll be some states that hold on for a little bit longer," said Mann, now with Manatt Phelps & Phillips. "How much longer a state will stretch out is very hard to say."

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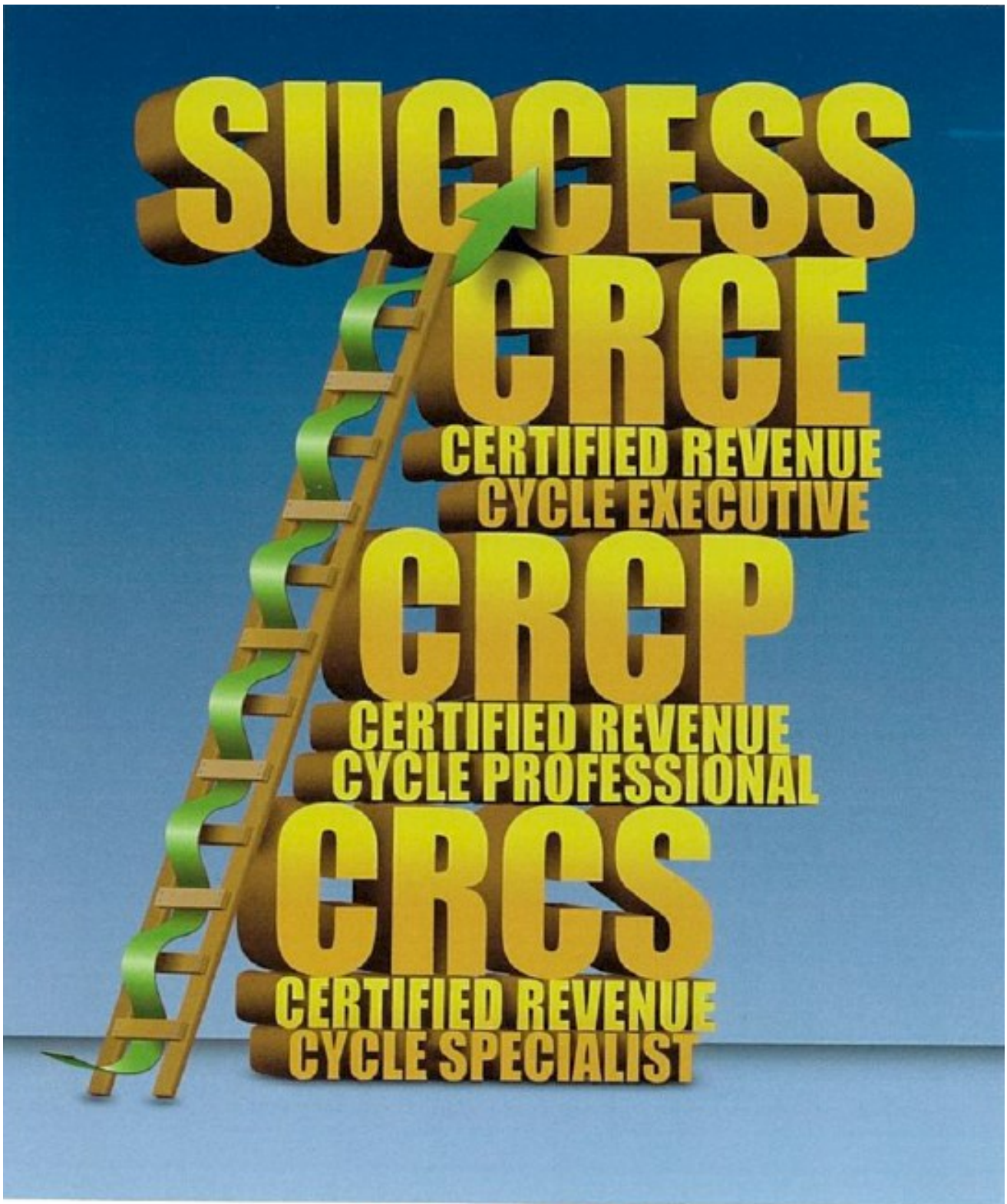
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Provider Spotlight

Kenny Koerner, MBA, CRCE -- Director of Hospital Revenue Cycle at CGH Medical Center in Sterling, IL

I am an assistant coach at Sterling Newman for my son's varsity baseball team. I typically throw batting practice every day to the kids. A couple of weeks ago I was throwing batting practice outside. I throw behind a net about halfway between the pitcher's mound and the batter's box. So about 30 feet away or so. It was at the end of practice, and I was throwing to my son Gehrig...He was having just an awful round to be honest. Hadn't hit many balls hard at all.

The last thing I remember before finding myself face down in to the grass, was throwing the ball and seeing him swing. He hit a line drive right off my ear and the back of my head. Dropped me to the ground. I tried to get up but the world was spinning. I put my hand to my ear and it came back full of blood. I ended up with an ambulance ride to CGH to the ER...I had a concussion and had to have my ear wound glued shut.

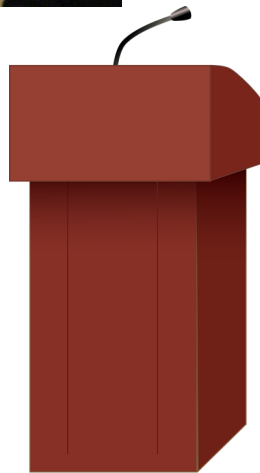
My son was pretty upset, he said he thought I was dead since I was lying face down and wasn't moving for quite some time. Couple weeks later we are now joking about it...it was scary though...had a large goose egg behind my ear for a week or so, but I am all better now.



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Indiana #42	Indiana	\$25.00
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Please note that the application must be postmarked by June 30, 2017 and mailed to the following address:



Sarah O'Neal, Scholarship Chair - IL AAHAM
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Scholarships will be awarded no later than August 30, 2017

Please direct any questions to one of the following members of the Scholarship Committee:

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217-357-8625

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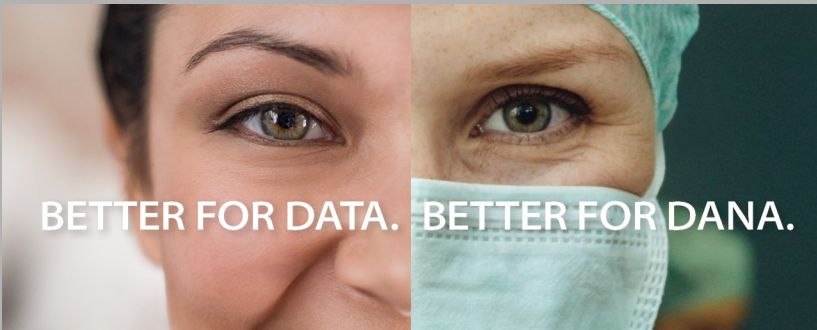
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As an Illinois AAHAM Sponsor, your company will receive a significant amount of recognition opportunities throughout the year. Your organization's name will be included in pertinent marketing materials and on-site acknowledgement at **ALL** educational conferences. As a part of your sponsor package, you will also receive complimentary advertising in the Lincoln Log.

Open enrollment for our sponsorship program is held once a year beginning October 24, 2016 and **has been extended**. Your investment in our program will provide company recognition for an entire year (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017).

Each sponsor receives complimentary meeting registrations to be used by your representative or given to a non-member IL provider.

Please note: An additional fee of \$600 is charged to exhibit at our Annual State Institute in December. The exhibit fee also includes one meeting registration. For those vendor partners who sponsor at the Platinum Level, the exhibit fee and one meeting registration are waived (they are included in the Platinum sponsor package).

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- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
- Full-page ad in each quarterly issue of the award winning **Lincoln Log** newsletter
- Sponsor level recognition on the Illinois AAHAM website, including a representative's name and e-mail address. An additional link to your company's website is also included



GOLD (\$900)

- Three (3) complimentary meeting registrations that can be used by a sponsor representative OR given to any non-member Illinois provider. (excludes ASI)
- One (1) "new" AAHAM membership which can be given to any non-member **Illinois Provider** – National and state dues for current year. New member registration must be submitted by March 31st of the calendar year
- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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Social Security Number Removal Initiative

By: Doris M Dickey, CRCE - Patient Financial Services Manager @ Rochelle Community Hospital
March 2017

I'm not sure any industry has as many acronyms as healthcare and we're about to start hearing of yet another. In an effort to protect the Medicare beneficiary's health privacy, CMS will be changing their identification numbers from using a social security numbering system to a MBI (Medicare Beneficiary Identifier) number. All new 11 digit numbers will be assigned to each individual and all new Medicare identification cards will be issued. CMS has indicated this will include 150 million MBI numbers in the initial roll out. The new number will include uppercase alphabetic and numeric characters with no imbedded intelligence. The new number will also be assigned to deceased beneficiaries. The newly issued Medicare card will also eliminate a gender indicator.

One example CMS gave was:

Current Medicare ID number 123-45-6789-A1 .

A new number could like something like 1EG4-TE5-MK73.

Identifiers are fictitious. Dashes are not included in the file formats. Pay attention patient access staff! Copying the beneficiary card will be imperative. The following positions will be alphabetic 2,5, 8 and 9.

This new legislative action will begin the transition process to the new MBI in April 2018. The plan as it is written now, will allow a transition period from April 2018 until December 31, 2019. In this author's opinion, that alone sounds like a messy 20 month period!

When billing after April 2018, a provider may bill using either number. For payment purposes, CMS will return the MBI number on the remittance advice (RA) regardless of whether we billed the HICN (social security number identifier) or the MBI. If we bill with the HICN number, both numbers will be on the RA.

CMS reports there will be 75 complex system changes and over 90 stakeholder entities impacted by implementing the change to a MBI identification number. Healthcare providers could quite possibly be headed into numerous Medicare payment delays.

Additional information may be obtained using the following website links.

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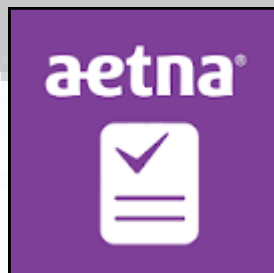
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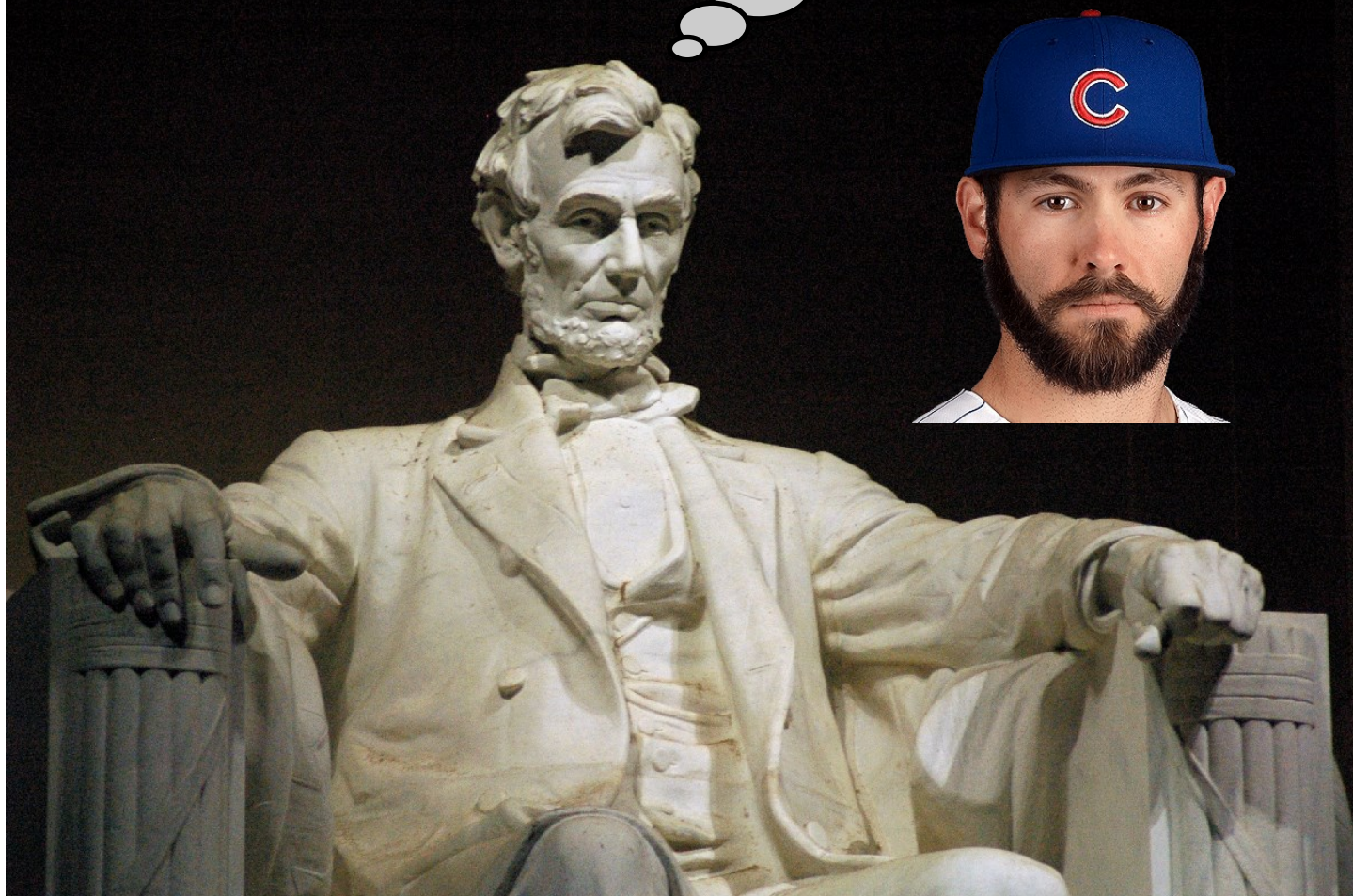


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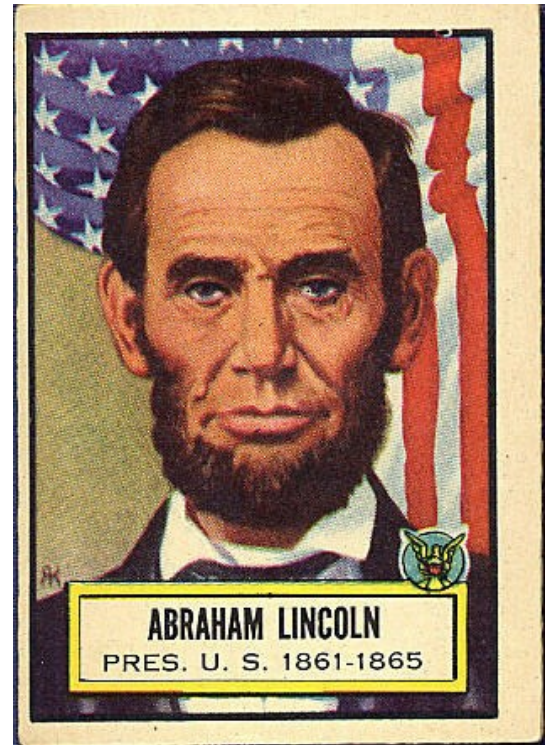
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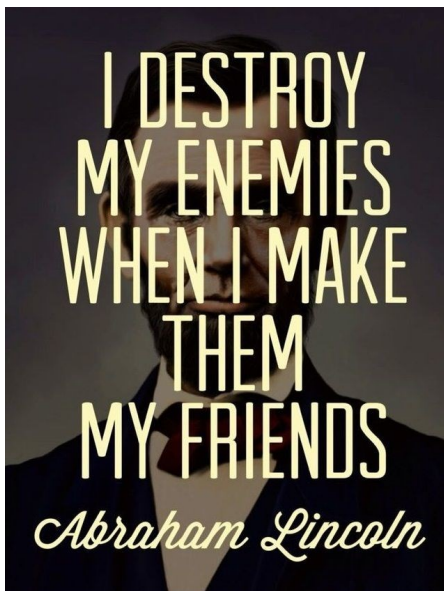
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During the Civil War, when baseball was a soldier's favorite pastime, Lincoln was discussing plans of operation in General Grant's camp. In the midst of the discussions, a courier dashed into camp, demanding to see the President. He presented credentials which proved that Lincoln was anxious for his message. To Grant's surprise, the dispatch turned out to be the score of a baseball game between an Illinois regiment and another Army team.

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