



# THE LINCOLN LOG



## SUMMER 2021 EDITION

We appreciate each of our members and corporate sponsors. The IL AAHAM would not and could not exist without you! The IL AAHAM Board would like to extend it's warmest wishes for a fun and safe summer!



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Vanessa Haydon  
CCT  
IL Chapter President

Friends,

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic. This past year has been an incredibly hard time with elderly parents fallen ill and children not in school combined with social unrest and the economic crisis.

Like many of you, I felt the effects of this pandemic personally as well. My mom passed just two weeks before I received my vaccine, I was counting the days before I was going to be able to go and visit with her again, hug her again. It has been an incredibly hard time for everyone with the pandemic leaving its mark in different ways. It is these tough times that tests an organizations' culture and values, as well as each of us as an individual person. The commitment each of you has shown to patients, IL AAHAM and each other has been extraordinary.

The end of the pandemic is hopefully within sight. We will tell generations from now what we lived through, and that you worked with an organization that made a difference. The recovery period affords us an opportunity to rebuild an equitable and just society.

IL AAHAM is an educational organization and over the past year we learned how to continue providing quality education virtually. We have continued our proud tradition of serving every member, every time. We would not have been successful in providing this valuable and affordable education without the support of our strategic partners and our Corporate Partners.

IL AAHAM was strong before the pandemic, we are strong today and we will be strong in the future. You are that strength. We look forward to seeing each of you in person this December to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual State Institute.




All My Best,

Vanessa Haydon  
IL AAHAM President


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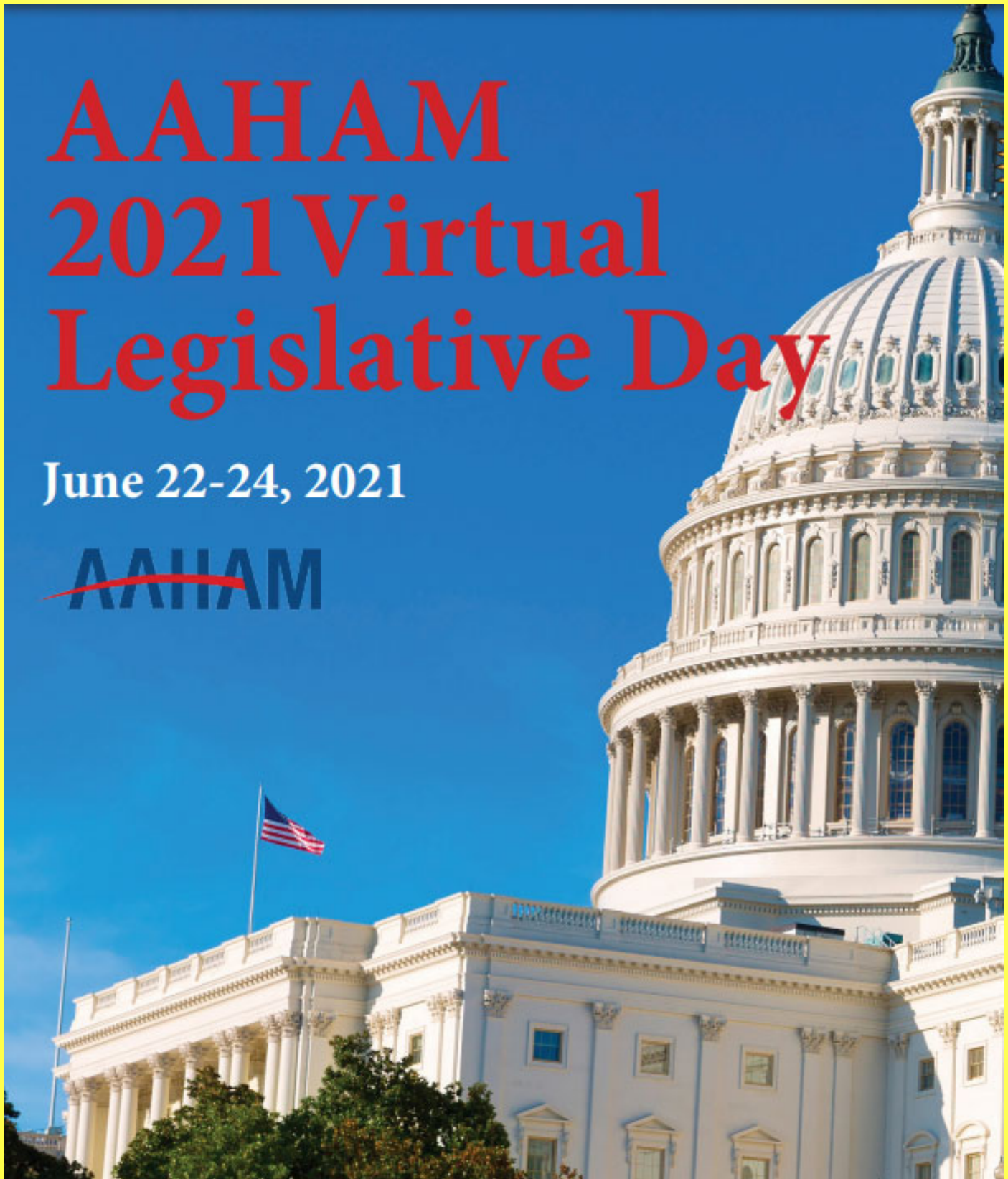
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# AAHAM 2021 Virtual Legislative Day

June 22-24, 2021



BOGO  
*alert!*

See special IL AAHAM offer  
on page 8!

A graphic with a black background and a white jagged border, resembling a starburst or explosion. Inside, a yellow rectangle contains the text "Registration Deadline: June 1!" in bold black font.

**Registration  
Deadline:  
June 1!**

## **The 2021 Virtual Legislative Day will be June 22-24**

The effect of COVID-19 continues to hit the healthcare sector hard. AAHAM members continue to be on the frontline fighting for their patients. Throughout 2020 and still today, Congress is still trying to understand the impacts of this virus across the healthcare system. We cannot expect them to know every issue or understand every issue that comes across their desk. This is why AAHAM's virtual Legislative Day may be the most important meeting you attend this year on behalf of your hospital.

Today we are dealing with a government that is doing business virtually. It's hard enough during "normal" times to get your message across to your elected leaders. Now factor in the disconnect of legislating virtually and you will understand just how important the AAHAM virtual Legislative Day is this year. This is an opportunity for us to connect with members of Congress and their staff and share with them the direct impacts COVID-19 has had on your hospital. It's an opportunity for you to share with them exactly how the 2020 COVID relief healthcare provisions, while well intentioned, are going to have negative impacts on hospitals. It's your opportunity to let your elected leaders know what your hospital needs.

With even more competition for the time of our leaders because of the virtual world we live in, the more important it is for AAHAM to stand out. It is critical that our voice is heard. With so many special interests seeking relief, it is our opportunity to make sure our voice is heard and our hospitals have a seat at the table when it comes to deciding how to spend the future COVID relief packages.

**AAHAM's top priorities this year include Prior Authorization and Patient Financial Advocates.**

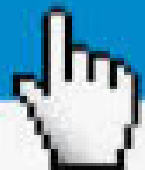
# 2021 Illinois AAHAM Legislative **BOGO** Event

Take advantage of this special incentive brought to you by your friends at Illinois AAHAM! When you purchase one National Legislative Day registration, Illinois AAHAM will pay for a second! Know more than one person, no problem! For each additional paid attendee, Illinois AAHAM will BOGO them too!

**HURRY! DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 1ST!**

**Registration  
Deadline:  
June 1!**

**Register Now**



# Legislative Day Info

## Tentative Legislative Day Agenda

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

2:00pm - 4:00pm EST

Welcome

Legislative Day

Overview

Issues Brief

**Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

11:00am - 12:30pm EST

Welcome

Speaker Presentation #1

Speaker Presentation #2

Zoom Hill Appointments Throughout the Day

**Thursday, June 24, 2021**

11:00am - 12:30pm EST

Welcome

Speaker Presentation #3

Speaker Presentation #4

Zoom Hill Appointments Throughout the Day

Closing Session from 4:00pm - 5:00pm EST



NATIONAL AAHAM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

You still have time to vote for the 2022-2023 National AAHAM Board of Directors. Voting ends on **June 4th 2021.**

While we cannot tell you who to vote for, we can tell you who The IL AAHAM Chapter endorses...

**National President**

Amy Mitchell, CRCE, CRCP, CRIP, CCT, CRCS, MHA

**National 1st Vice President**

Kenny Koerner, MBA, CRCE

**National 2nd Vice President**

Erin Miskelly, CRCE, CCT

**National Treasurer**

Richard Rogers, CRCE, CRCS

**National Secretary**

Katie Harwood, CRCE



**FREE**

## IL AAHAM Webinars

### Free Webinar

#### Maximizing Your WorkComp Opportunity

📅 June 10, 2021

🕒 11:30am - 12:30pm

Brian Niederhauser | Revecore

### Free Webinar

#### Health Plan Recoupment Defense - How to Fight Back

📅 July 14, 2021

🕒 11:30am - 12:30pm

Thomas Force | The Patriot Group

### Free Webinar

#### RHC 101 Billing

📅 August 18, 2021

🕒 11:30am - 12:30pm

Kati Jo Raebel | Wipfli



## Save the Date

**September 22, 2021**

**IL AAHAM Fall Virtual  
Conference**

# News from National



Earlier this month the national AAHAM board reached out to the chapter presidents for assistance in taking a stand against H.R. 2547, the Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act.

We wanted to inform our valued members that our local chapter has taken opposition of this act. Vanessa Haydon (IL AAHAM President) has sent the letter on the following page to AAHAM's legislative counsel, Paul Miller, who will take care of getting the letter delivered.

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell:

On behalf of our Patient Financial Advocates (PFAs) we are writing to you today asking that you oppose bringing a companion to H.R. 2547, the Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act, to the Senate floor for a vote.

This bill sends the wrong message to both patients and healthcare providers. It sends a message to patients that they are on their own when it comes to trying to understand their out-of-pocket medical costs while prohibiting, already financially strapped providers, from collecting out-of-pocket patient costs for two-years after providing care. This is neither good for the patient nor the hospital. Patient Financial Advocates are critical to the healthcare system, yet legislation like this treats them like the enemy. Patient Financial Advocates are the bridge to helping patients fully understand their healthcare benefits and what avenues of payment are available to them. Patient Financial Advocates are a critical informational resource to helping patients connect with their provider and insurer. Legislation like H.R. 2547 limits a patient's access to PFAs, which in turn can cause a patient stress, anxiety, and financial hardship due to lack of information and personalized help they could get through this process. H.R. 2547 takes these resources away from patients.

We urge the Senate to table any companion legislation and work with us on commonsense solutions that help and support patients. We ask that you work with us on solutions that do not force rural hospitals to close their doors. That is exactly what will happen if this legislation becomes law. Congress has an opportunity to create both patient and hospital friendly legislation without causing significant damage to the healthcare system. This bill will cause healthcare costs to rise or be another backdoor way of creating a government run healthcare system, which according to plans proposed by Senator Bernie Sanders, will cost taxpayers \$34 trillion over ten years. Wrong solutions for patients and the healthcare system.

We simply ask that Congress eliminate the healthcare provisions in this bill and instead support an independent study that looks at what delaying a patients out-of-pocket healthcare costs will do to hospitals and patients. Before Congress acts, it should know the immediate and long-term impacts of the legislation they are voting on. It is clear Congress does not know the negative impacts this legislation will have on both consumers and providers.

We cannot continue to pass legislation that does more harm to the system all in the name of trying to do the right thing. The healthcare specific language in this bill is bad for patients and providers and we urge you to strike it from the bill and work with us on solutions that will help patients and not bankrupt the healthcare system.

Respectfully,  
*Vanessa Haydon*  
Vanessa Haydon  
Illinois Chapter President

# AAHAM Certification

- The world is changing and so are we...

2021 is off to a fast start with AAHAM certification, and we are excited to announce two significant enhancements to our certification program! **AAHAM will now offer all of our certification exams on a monthly basis, enabling our test takers to have more flexible scheduling options to become certified when the time is right for them. All certification exams will now be offered on the third week of each month.** The new certification exam calendar and registration links are available at <https://www.aaham.org/Certification.aspx>

The certification exams will continue to be delivered either remotely online through ProctorU, or with a local in-person proctor. We will work with examinees to assist in making the necessary proctoring arrangements for their exams. All exam registrations will need to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the scheduled exam date, and there are no changes to the exam registration fees. **The 30-day registration deadline now applies to both new exams and section retakes**, offering a faster track to becoming certified for those who are ready to take an exam for the first time. For further details, please visit <https://www.aaham.org/Certification.aspx>.

## Digital Study Guides

As noted recently in the AAHAM Journal, we are also thrilled to announce that we will be offering digital versions of all of the AAHAM certification study guides to purchase starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

This new format has been highly requested, and we are excited to make this format available along with the enhanced features that it provides. The digital study guides will have the same content of the traditional hard-copy books, with additional flexibility that the digital format offers. Whether you prefer to view the study guide on a tablet, phone, or web browser, we have you covered with this new interactive option. Here are some of the digital study guide features at-a-glance:

- Flexibility to access and explore content on any device, from anywhere - even when offline.
- Content is delivered via the free Mimeo Digital app, which is available in all app stores, as well as any web browser.
- Interactive, user-friendly format enables features like taking notes, adding bookmarks, and more, all synced across your devices and stored in the cloud.
- The integrity of content is upheld in the digital format, with advanced security features that prevent unauthorized sharing or printing of the materials.

If you still prefer the traditional hard-copy books, there's no need to worry, they will also be available to purchase instead of the new digital option.

Providing more flexibility with AAHAM's certification training and testing has been a core focus of our certification committee's work over the past year. The future is bright with AAHAM certification, as we look forward to continuing to provide our industry-leading certifications and education in ways that can fit into anyone's busy schedule.

## Upcoming Testing Dates

June 2021

06/14 - 06/18

August 2021

08/16 - 08/20

July 2021

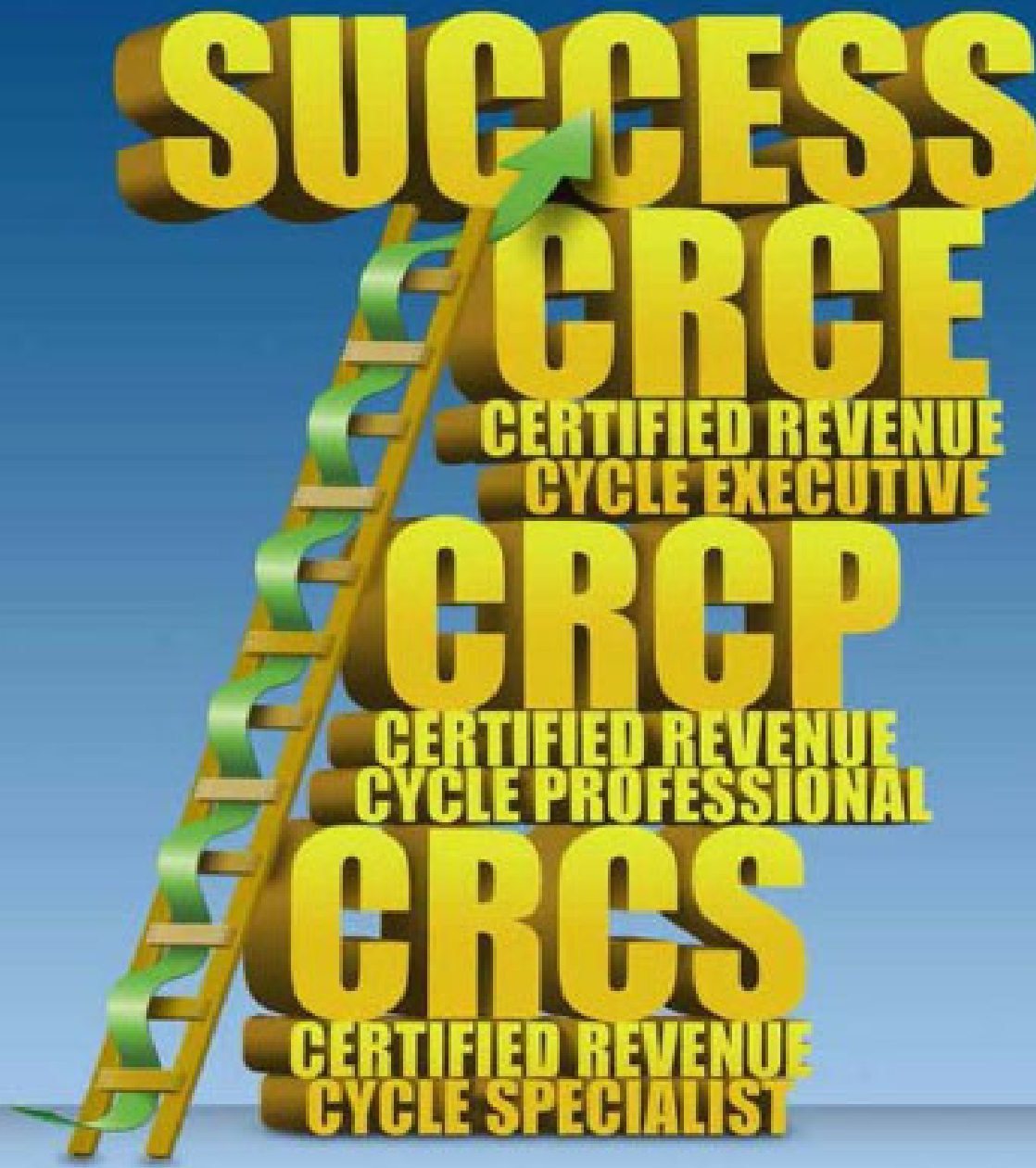
07/19 - 07/23

September 2021

09/20 - 09/24

Please remember to register at least 30 days prior to the testing period.

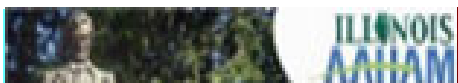




**AAHAM Certifications Offer You Solid Steps to your Professional Success:**



*AAHAM's Certifications are your ladder to success!*



# NEW CERTIFICATIONS

Let's give a **BIG** round of applause for these newly certified IL AAHAM members!!! Congrats and well done!

The following members received their CRCS Certification!

Rosemary Gittleson - CGH Medical Center

Keia Miller - Avadyne Health

Kelli Mills - Avadyne Health





It's time to renew your Membership and Illinois AAHAM has a new offering for the 2021 Membership year!

We recognize and understand the financial impact most are experiencing both personally and professionally due to COVID-19.

With that in mind, for the first time ever, the Illinois Chapter of AAHAM is offering a State-only Membership level. This Membership level allows you to join the Illinois chapter without having to join or renew at the National association level. Illinois AAHAM State-only members may upgrade their membership to the National level at any time throughout the calendar year, should they seek National level benefits.



## Which Membership is right for me you ask?

**State:** The fee to become an Illinois Chapter member is \$30.00. If you join any time prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> membership will become effective that calendar year. If you join after October 1<sup>st</sup>, membership will become effective the remaining of that year and the following calendar year.

**National:** The fee to become a National AAHAM member is \$209. If you join in July, the dues are \$160 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$250 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. *We also offer [payment plans](#) to help ease the dues burden.*

### **Student:**

**Full Time Student Membership:** **Students taking at least 12 credit hours per semester can join for free.** You must submit proof of your full time status with this application. Student members receive the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for professional or executive levels of certification, eligibility for the member scholarships, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings.

**Part Time Student Membership:** The part time student membership fee is \$50. If you join in July, the dues are \$35 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$65 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. **To qualify for the part time student membership you must currently be taking between 6-11 credit hours per semester and submit proof with this application.** Student members receive all the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for executive and professional certification, eligibility for the member scholarships, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings.

**Retired:** **There is no longer a fee for retired members!** To qualify for retired membership, an individual must be an AAHAM member who has retired from healthcare. Retired members receive all benefits of membership with the exception of voting.



*Click [here](#) for more information!*

## 2021 National Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address  Work

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address  Home

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories and Rates

\* Local chapter dues may vary

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*We also offer payment plans to help ease the dues burden. Please contact the AAHAM National Office if you would like more information.*

**FULL TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** - Students taking at least 12 credit hours per semester can join for free. You must submit proof of your full time status with this application. Student members receive the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for professional or executive levels of certification, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings. If you are applying as a **Full Time Student Member**, please [click here to join online](#) or [download the correct membership application](#).

**PART TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** - The part time student membership fee is \$50. If you join in July, the dues are \$35 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$65 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. **To qualify for the part time student membership you must currently be taking between 6-11 credit hours per semester and submit proof with this application.** Student members receive all the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for executive and professional certification, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board

AAHAM would like your consent to contact you through your cell phone in order to provide you with updates, notifications, and other information pertinent to your membership.

I hereby expressly grant my consent to AAHAM to contact me through the cell phone number provided herein.

You may subsequently withdraw this consent by contacting:

AAHAM Membership Department  
11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030  
Phone: (703) 281-4043 Email: [moayad@aaham.org](mailto:moayad@aaham.org)

I do not grant consent to AAHAM to contact me through my cell phone.

If referred by AAHAM member, please give their name:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method:

Check/Money Order (Make Payable to AAHAM)

Amex  Visa  MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV2 Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address for Credit Card:

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#### PAYMENT TOTAL

NATIONAL DUES: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL DUES: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow two weeks for processing after your application is received at the national office. Dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be as a business expense. Approximately 4% of your annual dues are used for lobbying activities and are non-deductible.

Please note: AAHAM's membership year is from January to December, it is not anniversary based. Membership is on an individual, not institutional, basis and is non-transferable.

# Illinois AAHAM – Application for Membership

American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name		Date	
Mailing Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	
City		State	Zip
Daytime Phone (with area code)	Fax Number (with area code)	E-mail Address (please print clearly)	
Employer Name		Your Title	
Local Chapter Name: <b>ILLINOIS # 09</b>		Referred by AAHAM Member (Give Name):	
Are you a member of a different chapter? If Yes please list all.			National Member? Y/N

I affirm that the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge and I agree to abide by the Illinois AAHAM Code of Ethics and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. I understand that the information I have provided in this application will be distributed to Illinois and National AAHAM members, but without my express consent will not otherwise be disclosed or distributed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**MEMBERSHIP:** The fee to become a State member is **\$30.00**. If you join anytime prior to October 1 membership will become effective that calendar year. If you join after September 30 membership will become effective the remainder of the year and the following calendar year.

- Membership is on an individual, not institutional, basis and is non-transferable.
- Please allow 2 weeks for processing once your application is received.
- Dues are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deducted as a business expense.

Return application and check made payable to **Illinois AAHAM** to: Paula Short  
216 Rebecca Lane  
Normal, IL 61761

**Please check the appropriate Certification and/or vendor/provider services in each category below**

Certification	If a vendor/insurer please check all services your company provides	
<input type="checkbox"/> CRCE <input type="checkbox"/> CRCP <input type="checkbox"/> CRCS <input type="checkbox"/> CRIP <input type="checkbox"/> CCT <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)  _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bad Debt Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Billing/Claims/Insurance Billing/Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Biometrics <input type="checkbox"/> Coding <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting <input type="checkbox"/> Denials Management/Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Early Out Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Insurer <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> MA Eligibility/Social Security Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting <input type="checkbox"/> Self Pay Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Software/Systems <input type="checkbox"/> MA Provider Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> Underpayment Review/Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)  _____ _____

# BENEFITS OF AAHAM MEMBERSHIP



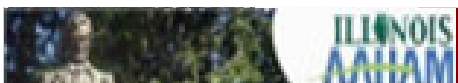
Healthcare revenue cycle professionals across the nation and around the globe are looking for an edge... a way to work smarter, build a career, stay informed and make the right contacts. Your membership in AAHAM helps you achieve all of these goals.

## What do I get for my \$239 yearly National and Illinois AAHAM Membership Fee?

- **Eligible for Certification Designations.** AAHAM membership allows you the opportunity to sit for the CRCE, CRCP, CRCS, CRIP, or CCT certification exams, which provide you with the recognition and respect within the Healthcare Revenue Cycle industry. Studies show certified members perform at a higher level of efficiency and provide a return on your investment.
- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to the AAHAM's Annual National Institute (ANI)** known for excellence in education, value and networking. (Save \$100 off your ANI registration for being a member.)
- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to the Illinois AAHAM's quarterly educational events.** (\$75 in Illinois meeting savings for being a member throughout the year.)
- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to National and Illinois AAHAM Webinars** (\$25 member savings for every Illinois AAHAM webinar. \$50 in yearly savings if you attend 2 Illinois AAHAM webinars.)
- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to Legislative Day.** Brings you face-to-face with decision makers in Washington who determine the outcome of healthcare legislative priorities. (\$100 member savings.)
- **Continuing Education Scholarships.** Opportunity to apply for and be awarded national and Illinois Scholarships for continuing education for you and your family members. Yearly Illinois AAHAM scholarships awarded in the amount totaling \$2,000 for members, children and grandchildren.
- **Member Directory.** An online Illinois AAHAM Membership directory helps keep you in touch with other members and vendors both locally and nationwide. Network with your revenue cycle peers!
- **AAHAM Member's Only List Serve.** Have an issue? Chances are your peers do as well. Bounce questions and issues off your revenue cycle peers via our list serve!
- **Subscription to Legislative Currents.** Distributed via email 8 times a year, to keep you up to date on legislative and governmental issues affecting our industry.
- **Subscription to the Journal of Healthcare Administrative Management.** Rated as the #1 membership benefit, the journal is issued quarterly.
- **AAHAM's National News.** AAHAM's monthly electronic Newsletter with timely updates and information about your association.
- **Illinois AAHAM's Award Winning Lincoln Log.** Illinois AAHAM's quarterly electronic Newsletter.
- **Job Bank** to assist you in searching and posting that special job.
- **Unlimited Networking with other revenue cycle professionals** through our website and Chapter Interaction.

INVEST IN YOURSELF AND YOUR STAFF - Attend the Illinois AAHAM meetings, the national AAHAM ANI and 2 Illinois AAHAM webinars throughout the year, and your \$229 National and Illinois AAHAM membership fee saves you over \$200 in meeting fees throughout the year!

CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER



# STUDENT AAHAM MEMBERSHIP

EXCLUSIVE OFFER FROM



## Get on the fast track to a high-paying career in healthcare finance

FREE student membership in the leading professional association focused on the healthcare revenue cycle

### How FREE AAHAM membership can jump-start your healthcare finance career:

AAHAM is the only national organization dedicated solely to the healthcare revenue cycle. We have 32 local chapters across the country and more than 3,000 members who work in hospitals, clinics and other healthcare financial and IT related businesses.

**As a student AAHAM member, you will benefit from:**

**Networking** – You can make contacts with hospital and clinic healthcare financial professionals to create a broader network for job placement upon graduation.

**Certification** – You can be eligible to take AAHAM's industry-leading revenue cycle certification exams. Students who pass the exams will stand out from the pack when seeking employment in the healthcare industry.

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Illinois AAHAM conducts several educational conferences each year. Each spring and summer our chapter presents one full day of educational meetings. In the fall, our education session is coupled with the annual Charles Garvin Memorial Event. The Annual State Institute (ASI), held in December, is spread over a day and half and includes a vendor tradeshow.

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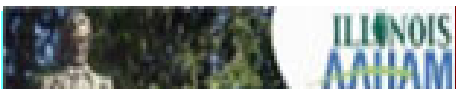
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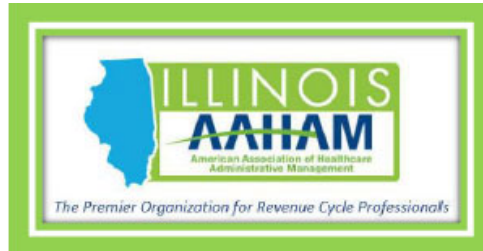
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- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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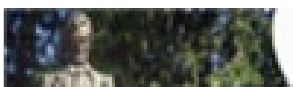
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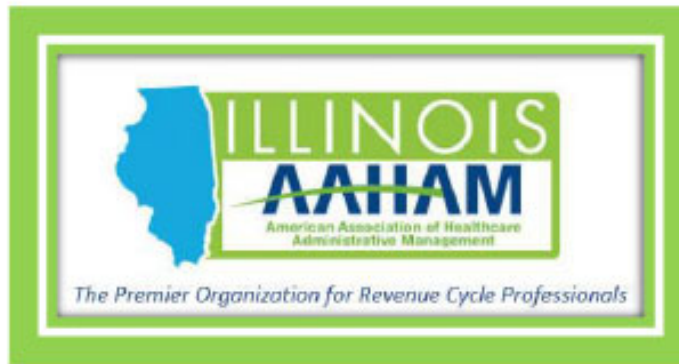
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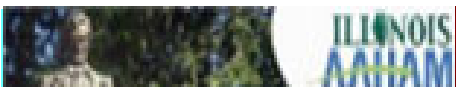
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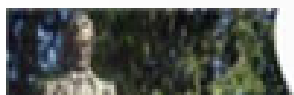
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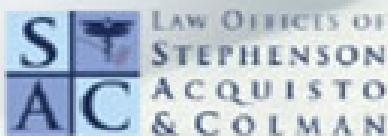


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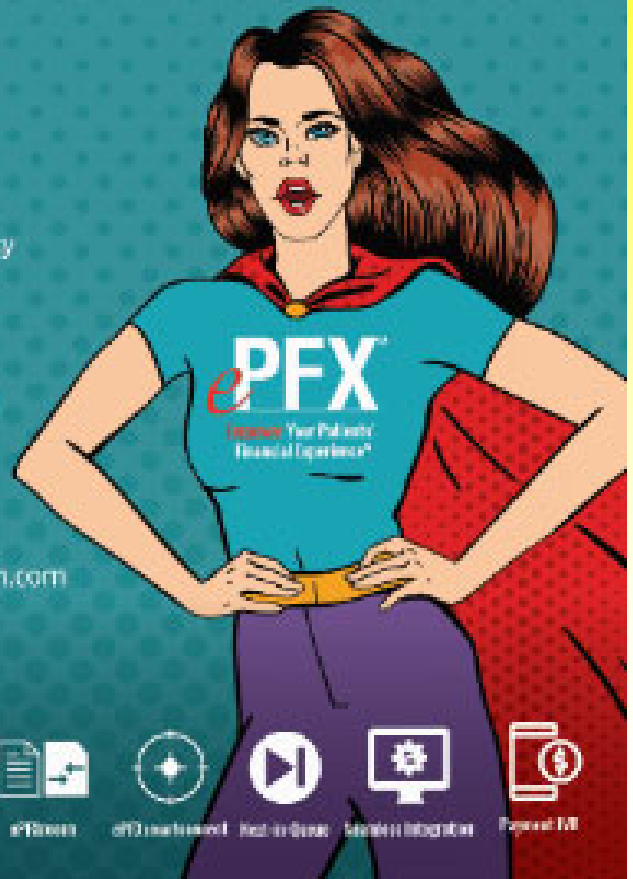
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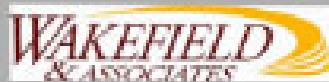
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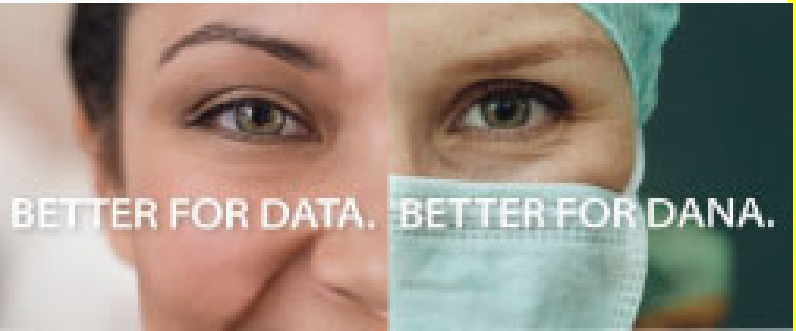
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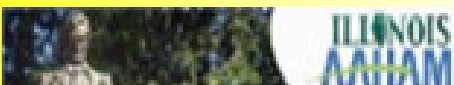
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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (CASH BASIS)

For the period of: 4/1/2021 to 4/30/2021

INCOME	<i>Checking</i>
SPRING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - CHECKS	100.00
INTEREST	1.49
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>101.49</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
MERCHANT FEES	0.00
TRANSFER TO SCHOLARSHIP (153 X \$15)	2,295.00
DUES WAIVER (Dalton, Gaspard, O'Neal)	627.00
DYNAMITE DESIGN HOUSE	531.99
DC - NATIONAL LEG DAY SPONSORSHIP	500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,953.99</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>-3,852.50</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD:</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCE END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$61,261.01</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE 2020</b>	<b>\$57,408.51</b>
	<b>\$57,510.01</b>

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Have a safe Summer  
and drink a cold one for  
me!



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My oldest daughter, she's almost 7, can not wait for "summer vacation." She has all these plans of riding her bike and scooter, playing the yard and swimming. Catching fireflies, watching fireworks, and playing with sparklers.

How I wish I could be as carefree as her just enjoy summer and not have any plans, but plans of my own. But, alas, I'm an adult and "summer vacation" doesn't have the same ring to it as it once did. But I've challenged myself this summer, to be present, as much as work, other priorities, and life itself allows me to.

So I challenge you to be present this summer with friends and family, as much as you can be. Say yes to running through the sprinkler or say yes to the mini-get away that is long overdue. I'm certain, you'll be glad you did.



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