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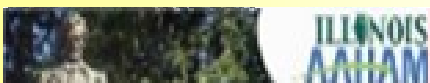
We appreciate each of our members and corporate sponsors. The IL AAHAM would not and could not exist without you!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Haydon
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IL Chapter President

Friends,

It has been a productive first quarter of 2022 for the IL AAHAM Board of Directors and we want to share some of the hard work our committees have done for the betterment of our members.

Social Media: I want to thank our Marketing and Social Media Committee for successfully phasing out our "group" LinkedIn and creating a "company" LinkedIn page allowing for more functionality, [Connect with IL AAHAM on LI](#).

Our Government Relations Committee has been hard at work creating a letter writing campaign writing to ask the Rules Committee to delay accepting HB 3286 as it currently stands and its amendment of the Fair Patient Billing Act as it unintentionally inhibits our provider members from fully and fairly recovering reimbursement owed.

Community Involvement: IL AAHAM is honored to give back to our local communities and appreciate how generous our members are. Take a moment and review our new [Community Outreach](#) page to see all of the organization your donations have helped!

Inclusion Initiative: I am proud to say IL AAHAM has committed to an [Inclusion Initiative](#), we are passionate about treating everyone with dignity and respect where all are welcome. We are a community striving to make IL AAHAM a more diverse, equitable and inclusive association by encouraging and supporting policies that enhance inclusivity and the achievement of social justice. We look forward to you and many others joining our journey!

Membership: Thank you for renewing your membership, if you have not yet renewed please click [here](#). As a reminder, students taking 12 credits per semester can receive a free membership. If you are a provider working with a local college/interns, please contact us at ilaaham1@gmail.com

Corporate Sponsors: We understand this continues to be a challenging time with limited resources. We encourage you to look to our corporate partners if you are in need of a service. Please welcome our newest corporate partner, Dan Reilly with R3 Dynamics, LLC. All of IL AAHAM Corporate Partners can be found [here](#).

Programs: March provided engaging and relevant content consisting of cybersecurity safeguards, a payer panel and continued education on the No Surprises Act with a total of 6 CEUs earned by our certified members in attendance. Stay tuned for more details regarding our summer and fall conferences in the near future and don't forget that IL AAHAM makes it easy for you to stay current on CEUs with monthly webinars.

Financial Report: Due to smart decisions, flexible speakers and support from our corporate partners we are a financially health chapter and are ahead of where we were this time last year. We will continue to invest these funds in relevant education and fun and creative events for our membership.






Our membership means the world to us, which is why we strive so hard to meet your needs. We have an amazing chapter made up of incredible people and none of the things we do would be possible without each of you, we thank you for your continued support.

Vanessa Haydon
IL AAHAM President

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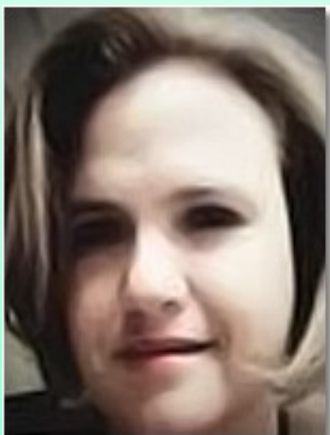
Welcome to the IL AAHAM Board!

We have some new members on the IL AAHAM Board of Directors.

Please join us in welcoming Christina Hertzberg, she is an EMR Application Manager with the Revenue Cycle at Riverside Medical Center.

We also are welcoming Leeann Ferris to the board, she is an Information Systems Trainer with Hospital Sisters Health System.

Finally, we are greatly honored to have John Currier return to the IL AAHAM Board as the Chairman.



Upcoming IL AAHAM Events

Please make a point of joining us for some valuable educational opportunities...



Register
Now

How to Successfully File a Claim with a Patient's Estate

April 20, 2022

12:00 - 1:00 PM



**Save
the
Date**

2022 Summer Virtual Conference

June 16, 2022

Education and Registration Details Coming Soon

2022 Fall Conference

September 22, 2022 - Save the Date

National AAHAM

Dates to Remember

Upcoming Exam Periods

March 21-25, 2022

April 18 - 22, 2022

May 16 - 20, 2022

June 20-24, 2022

AAHAM Webinar

What do the Rise in State Medical Debt Protection Laws and Legislative Errors Really Mean for Healthcare Providers

When: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EDT

Speaker(s): Leslie Bender, Senior Counsel at Clark Hill, LLC, and George Buck, Accounts Receivable Management Consultant

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2022

AAHAM CEUs Earned: 3

The healthcare revenue cycle has seen some sweeping consumer and patient debt legislation and regulation in the past year. This webinar will center on consumer-oriented regulations, recent regulatory issues, and regulatory enforcement issues that affect and potentially impact the revenue cycle function of providers. Additionally, the State Attorney's General, consumer advocacy groups and increased consumer awareness have a powerful influence over government and regulatory decision-makers. This presentation will offer practical applications to aid providers in effectively implementing best practices for compliance and the patient experience.

Register here!

AAHAM Member Scholarship Submission Deadline

May 31, 2022

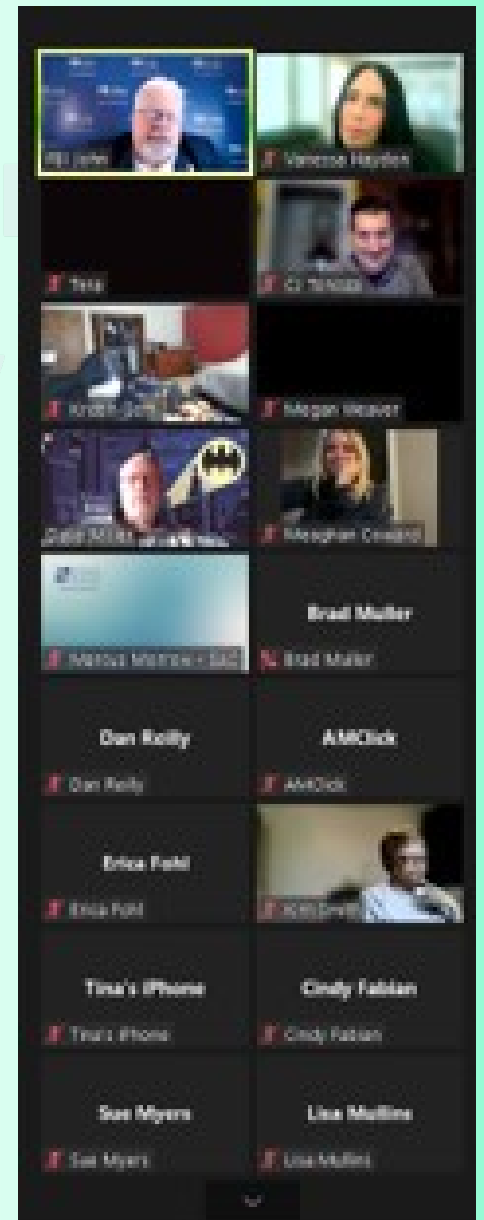
AAHAM offers scholarship opportunities for our members and dependents of our members. The online scholarship application is available [here](#).

For more information, please contact Moayad Zahraiddin at moayad@aaaham.org.

The application deadline for the AAHAM Scholarship is May 31st of the current calendar year.



Spring IL AAHAM Virtual Conference Photos

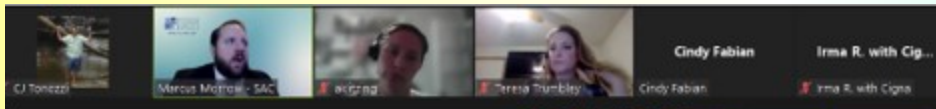


Cyber Terrorism

RUSSIA CYBER UNITS

- **Estonia hacks (2007)** widespread attacks on newspapers, banks and government ministries
- **US Presidential election (2016)** interfered in hopes of influencing election outcome
- **SolarWinds hack (2020)** exposed data of major firms such as Microsoft and top government agencies

FBI John



Payer Panel - Blue Cross (Chris McCorkle), Cigna (Julie Heninger), Health Alliance (Abby Klitzing and Chrissy Uden), United Healthcare (Cynthia Fabian, Linette Williams, Rebecca Baranczyk)

Moderated by Marcus Morrow, SAC

- Could each payer provide a timeline for when they will accept electronic claim attachments?
- How compliant are you in meeting your payer requirements related to NSA? i.e. - applying the benefit to claims where the patient came in through the ED, then proceeded to surgery or a bedded service prior to discharge.
- A simple explanation of how Blue Cross UP payments work in IL.
- BCBS: What is the intent behind the new lab policies that go into effect on May 1, and how can hospitals prepare for the impacts?

Resources

- CMS [fact sheets](#)
- CMS Provider Hotline: 1-800-985-3059
- CMS Billing Complaint [Portal](#)
- IHA [FAQs](#)
- IHA [Webinar](#) (password: dVvhPxxw6)
- IHA [summaries and fact sheets](#)

IHA Illinois Health and Hospital Association

No SURPRISES ACT
October 2021

SURPRISE BILLING POLICIES EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2022
The following No Surprises Act (NSA) provisions go into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

Patient Behavior Billing Protections: Providers may not balance bill patients for certain out-of-network services including emergency care, joint stabilization services, and certain scheduled services, when the provider is out of network but the facility is in-network.

Notice and Consent Process: In certain cases, providers may request patient consent to waive surprise billing protections and balance bill the patient. Providers must follow specific requirements outlined in the NSA and implementing regulations, including the use of standardized notices and consent forms available here: [CMS-10396](#).

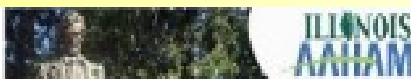
Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) Process: The NSA established an IDR process for providers/facilities and plans/providers that cannot reach an agreement on out-of-network reimbursement for items or services subject to NSA protections and deferred on or after Jan. 1, 2022. There is a federal IDR portal, available [here](#), where stakeholders can find more information, and initiate and complete the IDR process.

Uninsured/Off-Pay Good Faith Estimates (GFE): Providers must furnish GFEs of expected charges to uninsured/off-pay patients, including services three or more days out, or upon request. The GFE must include all items and services expected during the period of care, be calculated using off-pay rates, and reflect any discounts available to the patient (e.g., financial assistance). Each provider is responsible for generating their own GFE. The provider responsible for scheduling the primary service (scheduling provider) is responsible for coordinating estimates from providers billing separately from the scheduling provider (as provided into a single, comprehensive GFE by Jan. 1, 2022).

Patient-Provider Dispute Resolution Process: Uninsured/off-pay patients who receive a bill from a provider/facility for charges of \$400 or more that the provider/facility's GFE may initiate a dispute resolution process to assess the appropriateness of the invoice.

Public Disclosure of Patient Rights: Providers/facilities must notify patients, both in writing and verbally, of their surprise billing rights and the uninsured/off-pay GFE. Providers/facilities also must post a disclosure of patients' rights on their websites and in their offices or facilities. The federal government provided a model disclosure form here: [CMS-10396](#). Some providers/facilities must modify the disclosure for including information related to patient protections under the state's surprise billing law. [CMS-10396](#).

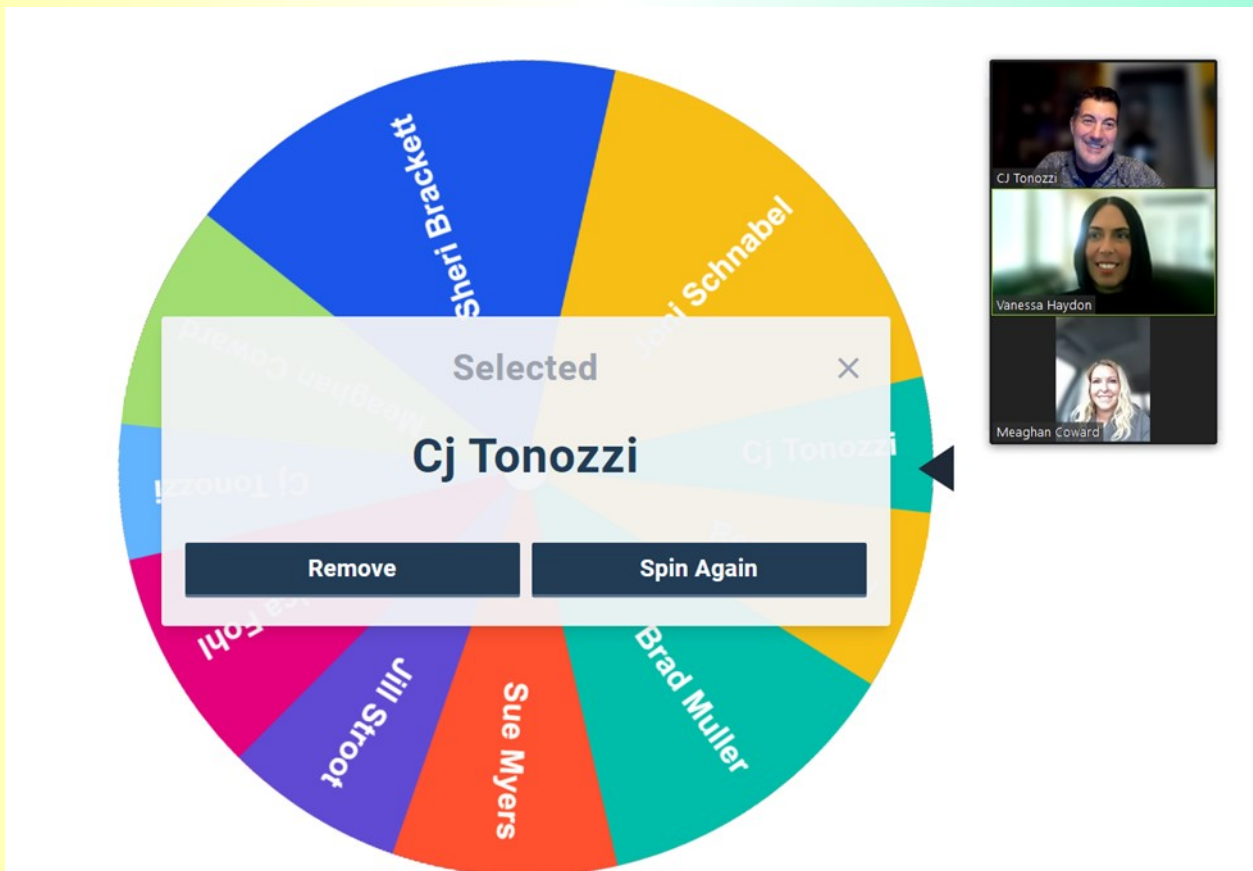
Resources: IHA resources to assist with NSA implementation are on [IHA's Free Webinars and eLearning](#) website. These include a [guide](#) describing hospital requirements under the NSA (covered discharge), a regularly updated [FAQ document](#), and summaries of NSA implementing regulations. The American Hospital Association also has a [surprise billing website](#) to assist with members with NSA implementation.



Spring IL AAHAM Virtual Conference

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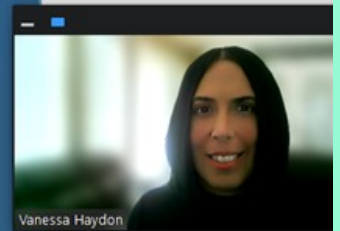
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Thank You for Attending!
Watch for upcoming educational events via email and on our website.

Connect with IL AAHAM on LI
Reminder, all presentations and payer panel transcript will be loaded to secure IL AAHAM website, a link will be sent to attendees and your CEUs will be reported to National on your behalf.



US Department of Human Services Kicks Off New Year with New Protections from Surprise Medical Bills

Released by HHS Press Office

January 3, 2022

Beginning January 1, 2022, new federal protections championed by the Biden-Harris Administration will shield millions of consumers from surprise medical bills—unexpected bills from an out-of-network provider, out-of-network facility or out-of-network air ambulance provider. The protections, implemented under the No Surprises Act, ban surprise billing in private insurance for most emergency care and many instances of non-emergency care. They also require that uninsured and self-pay patients receive key information, including overviews of anticipated costs and details about their rights.

In addition to shielding millions of consumers from surprise medical bills, these protections will further President Joe Biden's [work to promote competition](#) in health care and other sectors of the American economy.

"The No Surprises Act is the most critical consumer protection law since the Affordable Care Act," said Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra. "After years of bipartisan effort, we are finally providing hardworking Americans with the federal guardrails needed to shield them from surprise medical bills. We are taking patients out of the middle of the food fight between insurers and providers and ensuring they aren't met with eye-popping, bankruptcy-inducing medical bills. This is the right thing to do, and it supports President Biden's vision of creating a more transparent, competitive and fair health care system."

"The No Surprises Act offers significant relief to people across the country, and reinforces our fundamental belief that no one should go bankrupt when seeking necessary care," said Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. "We are making it easy for consumers to know and understand their rights under the law, including what they can do if they receive a surprise medical bill. Consumers will not only benefit from these rights, but also will be empowered with the knowledge to address potential violations."

A [recent report](#) from the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) reviewed key evidence on surprise billing and the need for the consumer protections in the No Surprises Act. The report showed that surprise billing is common among those with private insurance—nearly one in five patients who go to the emergency room, have an elective surgery, or give birth in a hospital receive surprise bills, with average costs ranging from \$750 to \$2,600 per episode.

For Insured Individuals, Protections from Surprise Medical Bills

For people who have health coverage through an employer, a Health Insurance Marketplace®, or an individual health plan purchased directly from an insurer, the rules that took effect January 1, 2022:

- Bans surprise bills any time you receive emergency care, and require that cost sharing for these services, like co-pays, always be based on in-network rates, even when care is received without prior authorization.
- Bans surprise bills from certain out-of-network providers if you go to an in-network hospital for a procedure. This means cost sharing for certain additional services during your visit will generally be based on in-network rates.
- Requires providers and facilities to share with patients easy-to-understand notices that explain the applicable billing protections and who to contact if they have concerns that a provider or facility has violated the new surprise billing protections.

For Uninsured Individuals, Better Advanced Knowledge of Costs

For people who do not have health insurance or pay for care on their own (also known as "self-paying"), the rules that took effect January 1, 2022 require most providers to give a "good faith estimate" of costs before providing non-emergency care.

The good faith estimate must include expected charges for the primary item or service, as well as any other items or services that would reasonably be expected. For an uninsured or self-pay consumer getting surgery, for example, the estimate would include the cost of the surgery, as well as any labs, other tests, and anesthesia that might be used during the procedure.

Uninsured or self-pay consumers who receive a final bill that exceeds the good faith estimate by \$400 or more can dispute the final charges.

Where to Learn More—Help Desk and Website

Both insured and uninsured/self-pay individuals who are concerned that their rights have been violated now have access to a host of tools, including a help desk (available at 800-985-3059, 8am-8pm ET seven days a week; TTY: 800-985-3059) and webpage ([CMS.gov/nosurprises](https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises)), where more details on registering potential violations can be found.

Although some states have enacted laws to reduce or eliminate surprise billing, comprehensive nationwide consumer protections were not available. But now, the No Surprises Act builds a national baseline of protections with a series of final and proposed rules issued in 2021, which complement existing laws in states where they already exist and protect all consumers nationwide. For more information on these rules, visit:

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces Steps to Protect Consumers and Improve Ground Ambulance Billing Practices Through No Surprises Act Implementation](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Improves Transparency and Oversight of Prescription Drug and Medical Costs](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Advances Key Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills, Giving Peace of Mind to Millions of Consumers Plagued by High Costs](#)

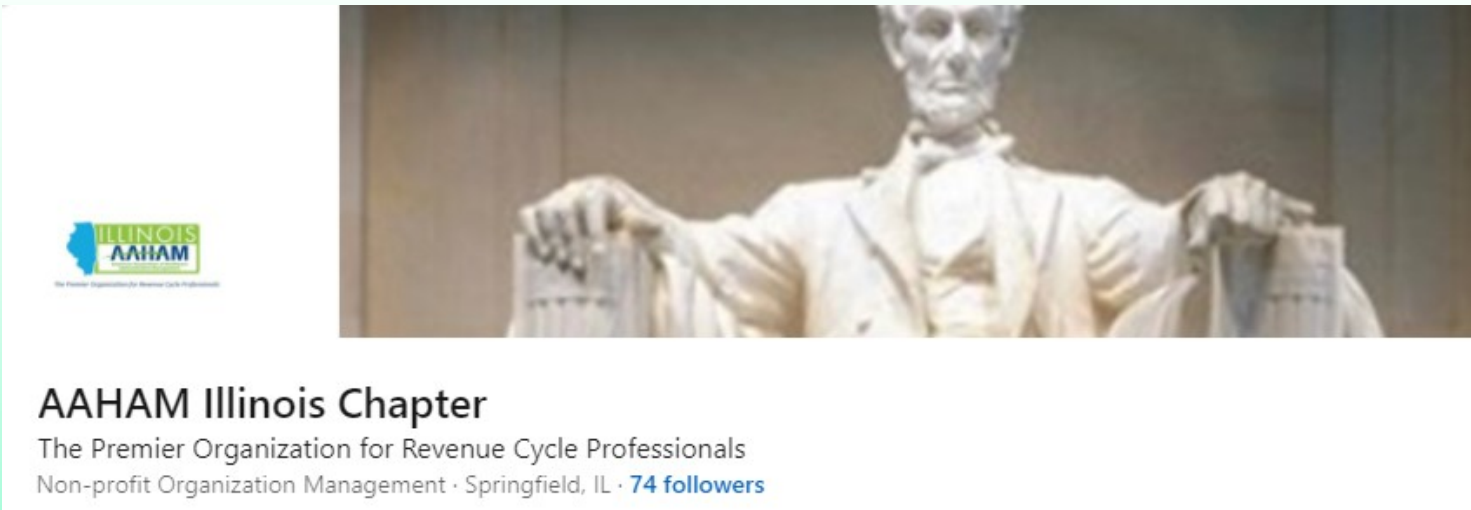
[Biden-Harris Administration Issues Proposed Rules to Promote Transparency in Air Ambulance Costs, Agent and Broker Compensation](#)

[HHS Announces Rule to Protect Consumers from Surprise Medical Bills](#)



BIG NEWS

The Illinois AAHAM chapter has created a new company page on LinkedIn! If you haven't already make sure to follow us, AAHAM Illinois Chapter. Click on the icon below and search for the AAHAM Illinois Chapter to join us today!

This is a screenshot of the AAHAM Illinois Chapter's LinkedIn profile banner. On the left is the AAHAM logo, which includes a blue outline of the state of Illinois and the text 'ILLINOIS AAHAM' with the tagline 'The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals' below it. On the right is a photograph of a white statue of Abraham Lincoln, showing his torso and arms outstretched. Below the banner, the text reads: 'AAHAM Illinois Chapter', 'The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals', and 'Non-profit Organization Management · Springfield, IL · 74 followers'.

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division
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and 50% will be given to the donation
winner)

Thank you to those who already donated!



More About UCCA
Mission:

The UCCA's mission is to support cultural, educational, and humanitarian activities that emphasize the Ukrainian American heritage and provide support for Ukraine's newly developing democracy.



The Illinois AAHAM board would like to say thank you to all who donated to the UCCA this past week during the IL Spring AAHAM Virtual conference.

Special thanks to CJ Tonozzi for giving his 50/50 winnings back to charity.

In total, we were able to provide \$505.00 to this worthy cause.

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 1st.

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

April

04/18 - 04/22/2022

May

05/16 - 05/20/2022

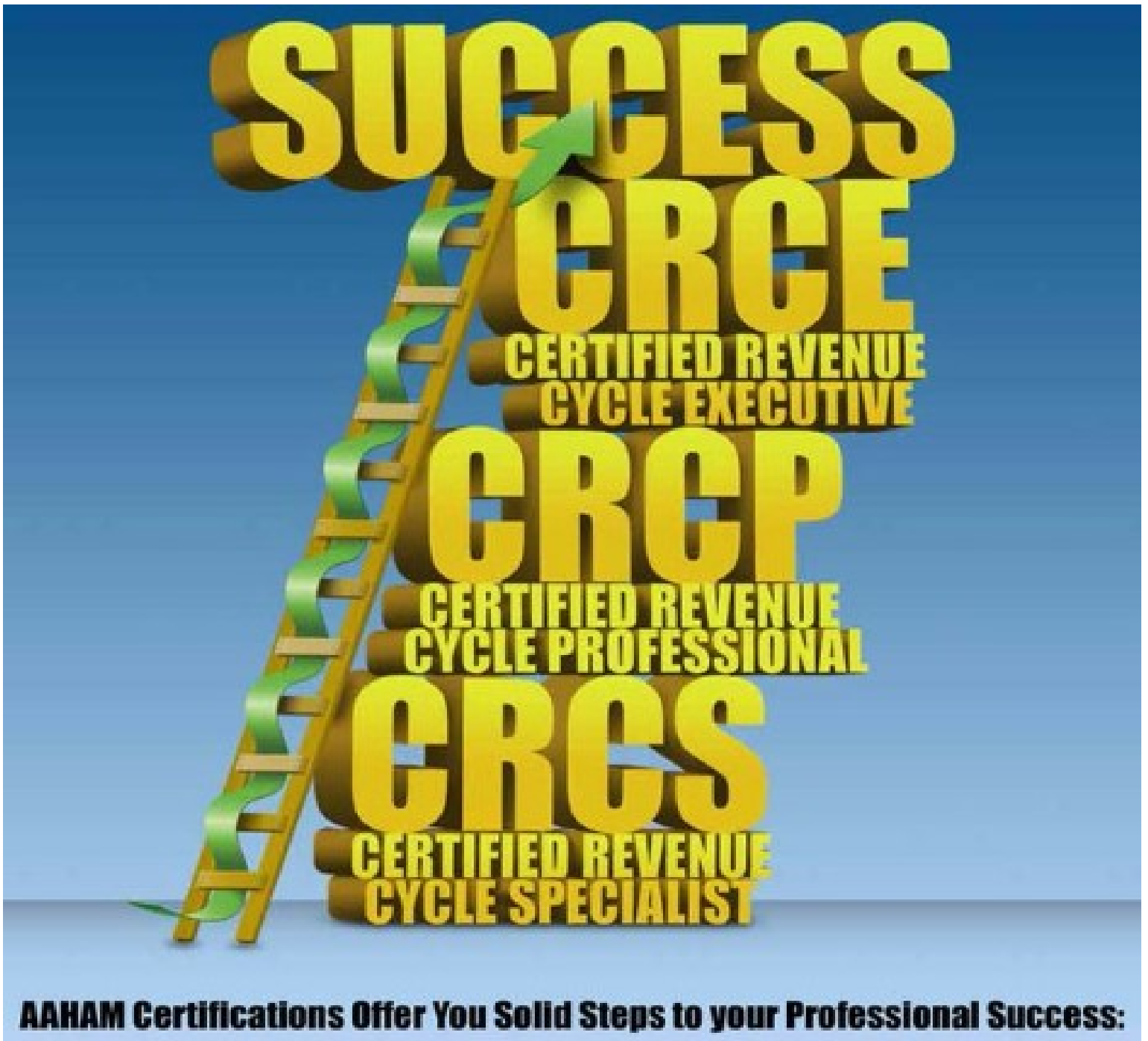
June

06/20 - 06/24/2022

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

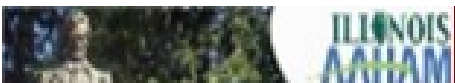




AAHAM Certifications Offer You Solid Steps to your Professional Success:



AAHAM's Certifications are your ladder to success!



NEW CERTIFICATIONS

Please help us in congratulating our newly certified IL AAHAM Members!

CRCE

Mazin Mahmoud—Prime Healthcare

CRCS

Tracy Healy—Sherloq Revenue Solutions

Erica Pickering—Sherloq Revenue Solutions

Emily Saunders—Sherloq Revenue Solutions

Nova Jane Warren—Sherloq Revenue Solutions

Karen Woo—Unity Point Health



It's time to renew your Membership and Illinois AAHAM has a new offering for the 2022 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 1st membership will become effective that calendar year. If you join after October 1st, 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!

2022 National Membership Application

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Name | | Title | |
| Employer Name | | Email Address | |
| Address <input type="checkbox"/> Work | | | |
| City | State | Zip | Country |
| Work Phone | Cell Phone | Secondary Email Address | Local Chapter |
| Address <input type="checkbox"/> Home | | | |
| City | State | Zip | Country |

Membership Categories and Rates

* Local chapter dues may vary

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP - The fee to become a National AAHAM member is \$200. 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. 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](#).

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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

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:

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| Name of Chapter | Geographic Location | Chapter Dues | Please Check the Appropriate Codes in Each Category Below |
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| Nebraska Aksarben #01 | Nebraska | \$0.00 | Years in Healthcare: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 25+ Certification: <input type="checkbox"/> CHAM (NAHAM) <input type="checkbox"/> CHFP (HFMA) <input type="checkbox"/> PHFMA (HFMA) <input type="checkbox"/> CHCS (ACA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) Employer Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Billing <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Outsourcing <input type="checkbox"/> Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Software/IT <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor/Corporate Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) Position: <input type="checkbox"/> CFO <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Access Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Partner, Principal, Owner <input type="checkbox"/> PFS Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor/Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) |
| Florida Sunshine #03 | Florida | \$40.00 | |
| Carolina #04 | North & South Carolina | \$30.00 | |
| Minnesota Gopher #06 | Minnesota | \$40.00 | |
| Iowa Hawkeye #07 | Iowa | \$0.00 | |
| Missouri Hawthorn #08 | Missouri | \$45.00 | |
| Illinois #09 | Illinois | \$30.00 | |
| Washington Inland Empire #10 | Washington State, East of the Mountains | \$25.00 | |
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| Pennsylvania Three Rivers #37 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | \$30.00 | |
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Illinois AAHAM – Application for Membership

American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management

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| 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: ILLINOIS # 09 | | 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

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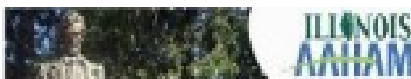
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Please check the appropriate Certification and/or vendor/provider services in each category below

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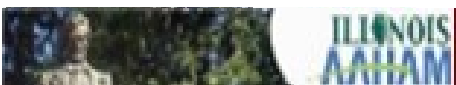
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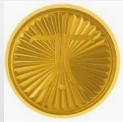
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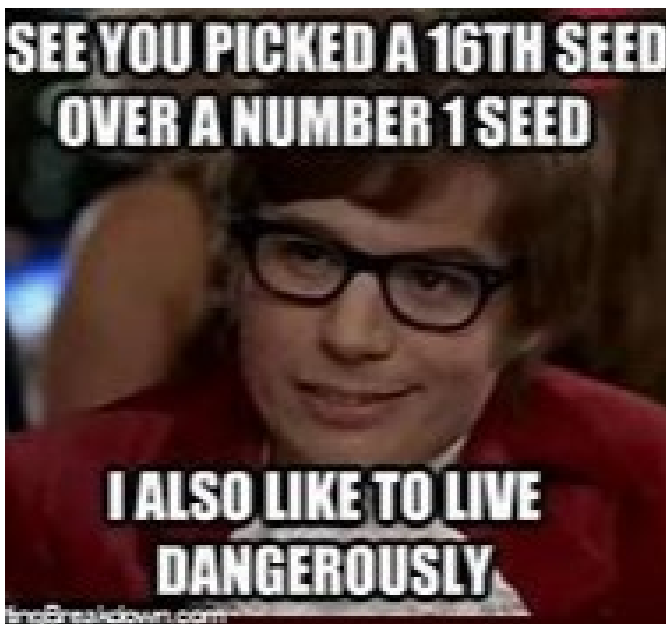
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What is American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management? (AAHAM)

AAHAM is one of the predominant organizations providing educational and professional development for revenue cycle professionals in Illinois. Our membership includes professionals from patient financial services/revenue cycle specialists, clinical managers, administrators, chief financial officers, consultants and a variety of other professionals in related fields. All of our meetings provide our membership an opportunity to learn, network among colleagues and earn continuing education credits.

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.

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.

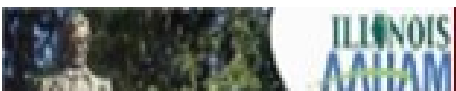
Open enrollment for our sponsorship program is held once a year. Your investment in our program will provide company recognition for an entire year (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021).

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We believe participation in the IL AAHAM Sponsorship Program should be an integral part of your company's marketing program.

Please contact Julie VanPelt at jvanpelt@avadynehealth.com or Vanessa Haydon at vhadon@mra.revecore.com or send an e-mail to ilaaham1@gmail.com to discuss your company's sponsorship opportunities!

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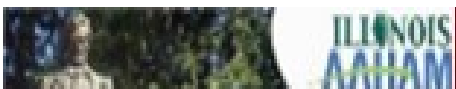
Illinois Chapter Sponsorship Levels

PLATINUM (\$1,400)

- Annual State Institute Vendor Booth includes one (1) complimentary ASI meeting registration (sponsor representative only) and recognition as a Platinum Sponsor at the President's Reception
- 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
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- 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)

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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
- ½ 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





SILVER (\$750)

- Two (2) complimentary meeting registrations that can be used by a sponsor representative OR given to any non-member Illinois provider. (excludes ASI)
- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
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- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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BRONZE (\$350)

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- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
- Business card size ad in each quarterly issue of the award winning **Lincoln Log** newsletter
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****Please submit a current copy of your company's logo or small ad that you would like to have included in our Lincoln Log publication. We will size to the correct specifications according to sponsorship level.**** ilaaham1@gmail.com



YES! I want to be an Illinois AAHAM Corporate Partner!

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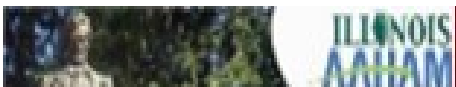
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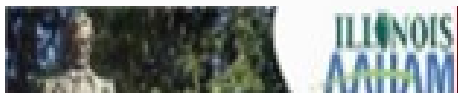
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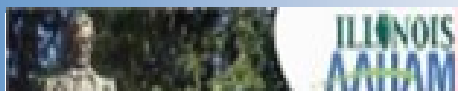
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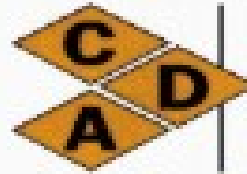


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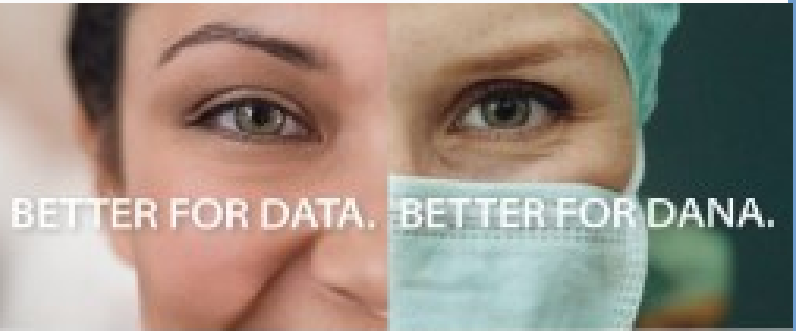
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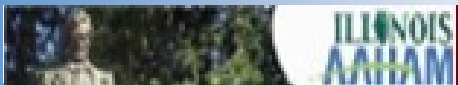
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| STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (CASH BASIS) | |
| For the period of: <u>2/1/2022</u> to <u>2/28/2022</u> | |
| INCOME | Checking |
| WEBINAR - EMPOWERING PATIENT ACCESS | 125.00 |
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| | |
| INTEREST | 1.28 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 126.28 |
| EXPENSES | |
| MERCHANT FEES - WEPAY | 10.75 |
| FBI JOHN - SPRING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE | 500.00 |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | 510.75 |
| NET INCOME/LOSS | -384.47 |
| BANK BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD: | \$55,683.78 |
| DECEMBER CHECKS CLEARED IN FEBRUARY | -\$308.88 |
| FEBRUARY CHECKS OUTSTANDING | \$500.00 |
| BANK BALANCE END OF PERIOD | \$55,490.43 |
| BANK BALANCE 2021 | \$57,187.82 |

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