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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

C. J. Tonozzi—CRCS, CCT
IL Chapter President



Greetings Illinois AAHAM!

That's a wrap on 2024... almost! It feels like this year passed by in the blink of an eye, but in retrospect a lot has happened. We've hosted webinars and virtual events that included many amazing speakers and we had our second State level Legislative event that was incredibly successful! Our small but mighty team spent the day meeting with Jordan Powell from IHA, Illinois Senators Neil Anderson, Dave Koehler, Sue Rezin and Representatives Sharon Chung, Jed Davis, and Nabeela Syed.

In March we transitioned from multiple software solutions to the [StarChapter](#) association management platform for managing everything IL AAHAM related. Around that same period new requirements took affect related to email authentication which has created complications for many of us. Please note that all IL AAHAM communications come from the following domain: @mg.illinoisaaaham.com Please make sure that this domain has been whitelisted with your local IT department and similarly that you can receive messages from me as the sender cjtonozzi@mg.illinoisaaaham.com



At the National level we brought Federal Legislative Day back to the States with a weeklong event that allowed our membership to meet with their Congressional representatives in their home offices locally. It was an awesomely rewarding experience that allowed so many AAHAM members the opportunity to participate this year and share meaningful stories. ANI in Fort Worth boasted a lot of incredible content and networking from across the country... and I rode a real live longhorn bull... and by ride I mean sit on it until it moed really loud, scaring the bejesus out me and prompting me to quickly climb back off of it!

Your IL AAHAM Board of Directors will be meeting in January to begin planning educational content, advocacy and networking events for 2025. All event details will be distributed as they are available and you can stay current on the [IL AAHAM website](#). If you are a speaker or have a topic you want to learn more about in 2025, please contact a board member or [email](#) us your suggestion.



Lastly, I would like to express sincere appreciation to our 2024 Corporate Partners, we could not provide affordable quality education to our membership without you and your partnership with IL AAHAM.

I hope and pray that each and every one of you has a happy, peaceful and blessed holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Regards,

CJ Tonozzi

IL AAHAM Chapter President

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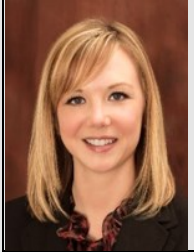
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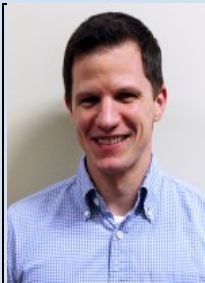


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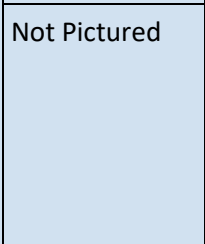
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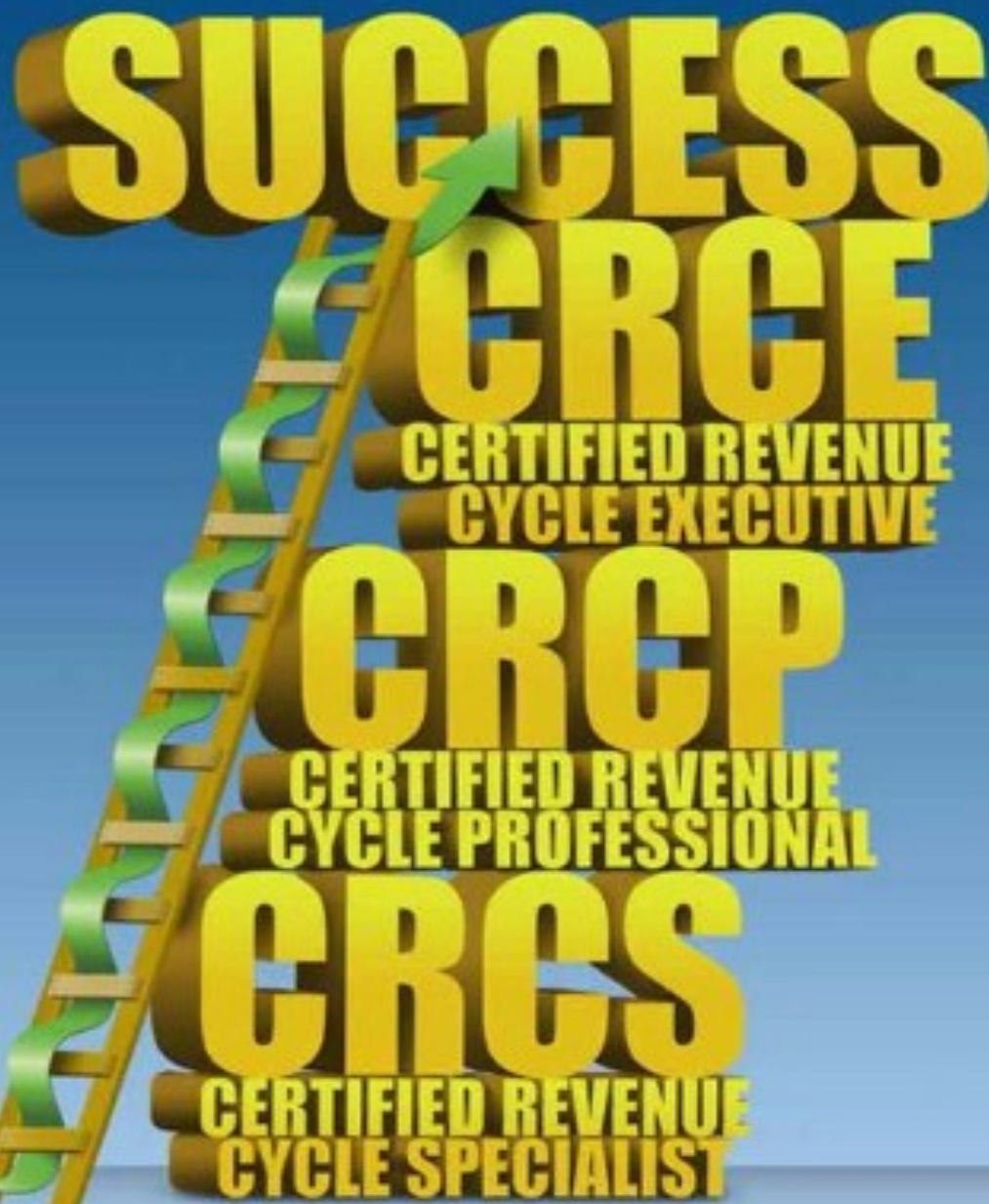
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2024 IL AAHAM Scholarship Recipients

The IL AAHAM Board would like to congratulate the following individuals as recipients of the 2024 IL AAHAM Scholarships.



Summer Roesch

Daughter of Tera Roesch
(IL AAHAM Member)



Grant Koerner

Son of Kenny Koerner
(IL AAHAM Member)

Kaitlyn Goff

Daughter of Kristin Goff
(IL AAHAM Member)

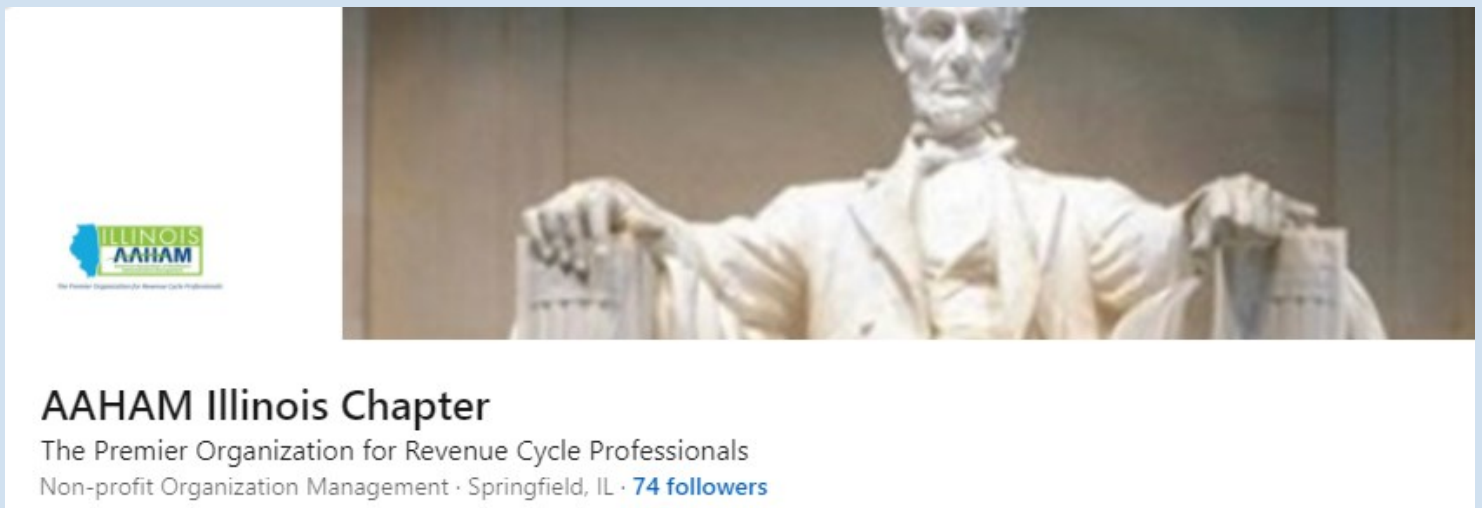


Not Pictured:

- Sarah Kartke - Daughter of Shannon Hartke (IL AAHAM Member)
- Sarah Thomoschefskey - Daughter of Jean Thomaschefskey (IL AAHAM Member)

Follow Us

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 side of the banner is the AAHAM logo, which includes a green 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 side of the banner is a photograph of a statue of Abraham Lincoln, showing his torso and arms outstretched. Below the banner, the profile name "AAHAM Illinois Chapter" is displayed in bold, followed by the description "The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals" and "Non-profit Organization Management · Springfield, IL · 74 followers".

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Job Postings

Do you need to post an opening with your company?

We offer online position posting. For more information email contactus@illinoisaaaham.com.

Are you looking for a job?

Take a look at the **new** postings [here](#).



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 [American Association of Healthcare Administration Management \(aaham.org\)](http://American Association of Healthcare Administration Management (aaham.org))

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 [American Association of Healthcare Administration Management \(aaham.org\)](http://American Association of Healthcare Administration Management (aaham.org))

Digital Study Guides

As noted recently in the AAHAM Journal, we are also thrilled to announce that we will 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 authorized 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

January 20th–24th

February 17th–21st

March 17th–21st

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)



340B Medicare Advantage Plans Must Pay – But The Clock is Ticking

In April 1, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies, otherwise known as the rate announcement. The rate announcement is [released](#) annually and includes updates to the methodologies used to calculate MA plan payments, as well as other payment policies that impact Part D. The CY 2025 rate announcement finalizes the policies proposed in CMS’s January 2024 [advance notice](#).

In both the advance notice and the rate announcement, CMS discussed the remedy for the 340B drug payment policy that is in effect for payments under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for CYs 2018 – 2022 ([340B remedy rule](#)) and contemplates how the 340B remedy rule might impact MA rates for future years, although it does not impact MA payments for 2025. Notably, 340B hospitals that received lump-sum payments under the 340B remedy rule that are contemplating legal action against MA plans or CMS to compel similar payments from MA plans should be aware that while CMS made retroactive adjustments to certain rate-setting metrics for 2018 – 2022 to account for the lump-sum payments and has indicated that it will incorporate the downward budget neutrality adjustment beginning in 2026 to offset the lump-sum payments, it has not yet completely determined how it will address the 340B payment cut remedy as to MA plans and has indicated that it expects to address this issue in future policymaking communications.

REMEDY FOR THE 340B-ACQUIRED DRUG PAYMENT POLICY FOR CYs 2018 – 2022

Under the Social Security Act, the Medicare payment rate for Part B covered outpatient drugs provided to outpatient hospitals is typically set at the default rate of average sales price (ASP) plus 6%. In the [CY 2018 Hospital OPPS rule](#), CMS reassessed whether to continue paying ASP plus 6% for drugs acquired through the 340B Drug Pricing Program, in light of findings that 340B hospitals were already acquiring such drugs at a discounted rate. For 2018 – 2022, CMS decided to adjust the OPPS payment methodology and to reduce payments for certain drugs or biologicals acquired through the 340B Program from ASP *plus* 6% to ASP *minus* 22.5%.





At the same time, CMS increased the amounts paid for all other OPPS items and services to maintain budget neutrality. Because the payment cut and corresponding increase were budget neutral, the changes in 340B payment rates did not change the amounts paid to MA plans, which are based on overall OPPS payments and not on payment rate adjustments to specific items and services. The specific amounts paid by MA plans to hospitals for outpatient services are subject to contractual negotiations between the MA plan and each hospital.

In 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States **determined** that CMS’s 340B payment cuts were illegal. CMS implemented a **remedy** that involved making lump-sum payments to 340B hospitals to account for the reduced payments in 2018 – 2022, as well as a 16-year conversion factor reduction to “recoup” the budget neutrality payments previously made based on the dollars generated from the 340B payment cuts. CMS reverted to paying the default rate – ASP plus 6% – for the remainder of CY 2022 and reprocessed claims at that higher rate.

CMS has estimated that this “340B remedy” will result in an additional \$1.2 billion outlay in federal funds, since the total amount of the 340B payment cuts was \$9 billion and the corresponding budget neutrality adjustments to all other items and services totaled only \$7.8 billion.

340B REMEDY AND MA RATES

MA rates are set based on the national average per-capita fee-for-service (FFS) payments, adjusted for geography based on a five-year period. As related to payments for 340B drugs, the rate announcement clarifies that while the FFS data for years 2018 – 2022 reflects the lump-sum payments for services rendered from January 1, 2018, through September 27, 2022, as well as payments related to 340B drug claims reprocessed and paid during CY 2022 at the full OPPS rate, these adjustment have no impact of CY 2025 MA payments or growth rates. The 2025 rate calculations do *not* incorporate data from CY 2024, so they do not otherwise reflect the lump-sum remedy payments that are being made in early 2024. The 2025 rates also do not reflect the downward budget neutrality adjustment to the conversion factor, because it will not be implemented until 2026.



In the rate announcement, CMS addresses feedback from stakeholders regarding the remedy payments, including one stakeholder who advocated that CMS incorporate the amounts into 2025 rates. Another stakeholder urged CMS to either make lump-sum payments directly to hospitals or to direct MA plans to pay providers in a way that incorporates additional funding for such payments. In response, CMS reiterates that the 340B remedy rule does not impact MA payments for 2025 and that the agency anticipates addressing how aspects of the remedy might impact MA rates for other years in future policymaking.

CONSIDERATIONS UNDER EXISTING MA CONTRACTS

Most 340B hospitals did not contemplate the implementation and/or subsequent termination and remedy of the 340B payment cuts when entering contracts with MA plans. Many 340B-participating hospitals have MA contracts that indicate that claims for hospital outpatient services will be paid at some percentage of the OPSS payment rate in place on the date of service or at the time the claim was paid, which resulted in these hospitals receiving reduced payments for 340B drugs from CYs 2018 – 2022. Many of these 340B hospitals are now exploring options for obtaining recovery from MA plans for the difference between what they were paid during the period the 340B payment cuts were in place and the amount they should have been paid had CMS not unlawfully imposed the 340B payment cuts.

At this time, CMS has not provided MA plans with additional funds to make remedy payments similar to the lump-sum payments made by CMS. Further, CMS may make adjustments to MA rates in future years to account for the 340B remedy, although what that may look like remains unclear.

NEXT STEPS

340B hospitals that are not able to work with MA plans to address payment adjustments under their existing MA contracts to appropriately account for unwinding the 340B payment cuts may want to consider the following next steps:



- Evaluating the delta between the reductions in payments for 340B drugs and the increased payments for all other items and services to determine the actual net loss under MA contracts due to the 340B payment cuts and corresponding budget neutrality adjustment
- Working with their MA plans to negotiate a process for addressing this difference
- Providing comments to CMS and engaging in other advocacy efforts to ensure that MA plans receive payments that account for the MA plan equivalent of the \$1.2 billion difference in the 340B payment cuts and budget neutrality adjusted payments on all other items and services, and that any such payments to MA plans be used to make payments to 340B hospitals subject to the payment cuts
- Providing comments to CMS to address the best options for reflecting the 340B payment remedies in future year MA plan rates in a manner that does not adversely affect 340B hospitals
- Working with MA plans to ensure that any downward adjustment to the OPPS conversion factor is not applied under the hospital's MA contract, unless the MA plan is also making a corresponding lump sum or other payment to offset the downward adjustment
- For 340B hospitals that are not subject to the downward adjustment due to opening during or after 2018, ensuring that their MA plans are aware of that fact and that any necessary revisions are made to the contractual payment terms to ensure that payment adjustments associated with the 340B remedy are not improperly applied
- Explore potential legal action through their MA contractual dispute resulting provisions

Be aware the deadline to pursue rate adjustment is closing with many MA contracts having one (1) year or less to recover. This may be January 2025 or sooner. Do not wait!

For further questions please reach out to Marcus Morrow, mmorrow@sacfirm.com.
This article was reconstructed from <https://www.mwe.com/insights/340b-remedy-rule-and-medicare-advantage-rates-navigating-shifting-payments/> - original authors Emily Jane Cook and Emily Curran, posted April 11, 2024.





It's time to renew your Membership and Illinois AAHAM has a new offering for the 2025 Membership year!

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

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!

2024 National Membership Application

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Secondary Email Address _____ Local Chapter _____

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Membership Categories and Rates

* Local chapter dues may vary

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP -

The fee to become a National AAHAM member is \$236. For those joining after July 1st, membership dues are pro-rated at \$350, covering the remainder of the current year and the entire following year.

FULL TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - Students taking at least 12 credit hours per semester can join for \$35. 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.

PART TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - The part time student membership fee is \$65. 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 1120 Route 73, Suite 200, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Phone: (703) 281-4043 Email: dgrimm@aaaham.org

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

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

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Local Chapters

AAHAM has 29 chapters throughout the US and India. Local chapters offer you more opportunities for education and networking, and offer both in-person and webinar educational opportunities. In addition, local chapters offer a great opportunity to obtain an industry-leading healthcare certification which provides exceptional value to students when seeking employment in the healthcare field. Please see the listing of local chapters below to help you decide which chapter you should belong to along with your national membership.

Name of Chapter	Geographic Location	Chapter Dues
Nebraska Aksarben #01	Nebraska	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
Pennsylvania Keystone #11	Central Pennsylvania	\$25.00
Maryland #13	Maryland	\$40.00
Utah MountainWest #14	Utah	\$30.00
New Jersey #16	New Jersey	\$40.00
Ohio Western Reserve #18	Ohio	\$0.00
Colorado Rocky Mountain #21	Colorado	\$30.00
Maine Pine Tree #22	Maine	\$25.00
North/South Dakota Rushmore #23	North & South Dakota	\$0.00
Western Region #26	Arizona and California	\$0.00
Virginia #27	Virginia	\$30.00
Philadelphia #29	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	\$35.00
Georgia #33	Georgia	\$45.00
Connecticut #34	Connecticut	\$35.00
Pennsylvania Three Rivers #37	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	\$30.00
Texas Bluebonnet #40	Texas	\$50.00
Indiana #42	Indiana	\$25.00
Wisconsin #44	Wisconsin	\$30.00
Chennai #49	Chennai, India	\$0.00
Tennessee Music City #53	Tennessee	\$0.00
Vermont & New Hampshire Twin States #56	Vermont & New Hampshire	\$25.00
Massachusetts #57	Massachusetts	\$85.00

Please Check the Appropriate Codes in Each Category Below

Years in Healthcare:

0-5 6-10 11-20 21-25 25+

Certification:

CHAM (NAHAM) CHFP (HFMA)

FHFMA (HFMA) CHCS (ACA)

Other (please list)

Employer Type:

Billing

Collection Agency

Consulting

Law Firm

Outsourcing

Provider

Software/IT

Vendor/Corporate Partner

Other (please list)

Position:

CFO

Consultant

Director

Executive Director

Vice President

Manager

Patient Access Representative

Partner, Principal, Owner

PFS Representative

Supervisor/Coordinator

Other (please list)

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.

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Illinois AAHAM – Application for Membership

American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management

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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: 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

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) _____ _____
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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.

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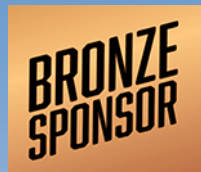
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What is American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management? (AAHAM)

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.

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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, 2023 through December 31, 2023).

*Please note: An additional fee of \$700 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).

We believe participation in the IL AAHAM Sponsorship Program should be an integral part of your company's marketing program. Please contact Meaghan Coward at moward@beconhealthsystem.org or Vanessa Haydon at vhaydon@revecore.com or send an e-mail to ilaaham1@gmail.com to discuss your company's sponsorship opportunities!

We appreciate your support of Illinois AAHAM!





Illinois Chapter Sponsorship Levels

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- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
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- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
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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
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- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
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- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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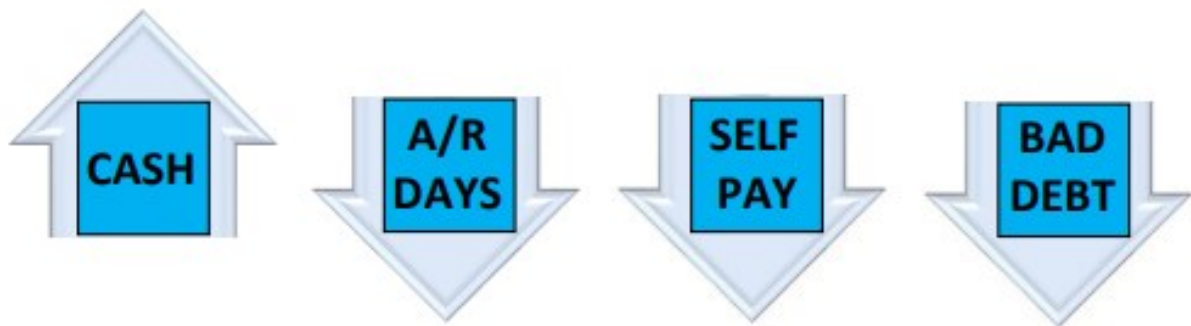
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For the period of: 9/1/2024 to 9/30/2024

INCOME		Checking	
INTEREST			
Fullsteam SV9T- Starchapter- IL AAHAM Fall Conf- Bank Deposit	9/6/2024	47.98	
TOTAL INCOME			47.98
EXPENSES			
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Fall Conference Speaker Cody Byrns		CK #1575	400.00
Fullsteam SV9Y- Card Monthly Fee	9/4/2024		19.95
TOTAL EXPENSES			419.95
NET INCOME/LOSS			-371.97
BANK BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD:			\$56,802.02
BANK BALANCE END OF PERIOD			
BANK BALANCE 2022			



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