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PRESIDENT'S



*Kenny Koerner, CRCE
IL Chapter President*

Message

The AAHAM ANI was just last month in New Orleans. The Annual National Institute is always a time to catch up with AAHAM friendships that have been made across the nation. It is also a venue that I use to recharge my batteries while learning through the great educational sessions more about how to tackle the numerous professional challenges that we each face back in our respective places of work. The ANI did not disappoint and for those of us lucky enough to attend, it was filled with numerous learning opportunities that still allowed for networking dinners and the occasional slice of fun mixed in. I am so proud to be a member and current president of your Illinois chapter! The amount of time and effort put forth by our board this past year was rewarded at the annual awards banquet with your Illinois chapter taking home first place in Chapter Excellence!!! The Chapter Excellence Award is designed to recognize and reward local AAHAM chapters for excellence in pursuing the goals of the AAHAM. For the purpose of this award program, excellence is defined as outstanding, innovative and balanced performance in programs and activities in support of AAHAM's mission, education programs, professional development and membership development. The award is a recognition of everyone in the Illinois chapter that has volunteered their time and talents throughout this past year. It is also a reflection on the dedication that our chapter excellence committee has to putting together the long and tedious application and data compilation for this award. My hat goes off to the work that Doris Dickey, Rena Willey and their committee for the many hours of nights and weekends spent working on this.

I'd also like to take this opportunity with the last Lincoln Log of 2013 to recognize your current Illinois Board of Directors and the contribution they have made to our great chapter this past 2 years. Most of what is done by your board of directors happens without fanfare and is done with the sole purpose of enhancing your Illinois AAHAM membership. The chapter is strong because of these people, and because of the people before them. Let us not forget the dedication and volunteerism that these folks have shown to make your chapter relevant to you in your daily professional and personal life.

I'd like to say thank you to the following board members that served in 2012-2013:

Bill Carlson, Chris Bryant, Rena Willey, Nancy Vollmer, Kathy Uphoff, John McGlasson, Doris Dickey, Al Staidl, Maria Orwig, Julie Van Pelt, Tera Roesch, Josh Johnson, Bob Kemp and Donna Stortzum.

Special thank you also goes out to my mentor and current National AAHAM 2nd Vice-President and National AAHAM 1st Vice-President elect, John Currier. John has pushed me throughout the years to become more active in Illinois AAHAM and I'd like to thank him for his initial push and his continued guidance. He's always been there for anything I've needed, and for that I say thank you..

Thanks again to each of these people as they made my first 2 years as Illinois president a pleasure. See you all at our Annual State Institute on December 5th and 6th at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria!!

Kenny





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Join Us...

Annual State Institute

December 4th-6th, 2013

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AWESOME Speaker Line-up!

Weston Smith (AAHAM ANI Keynote Speaker)

Shay Eskew, VP Client Services, EnableComp

Arnetta Smith, VA Illiana Health Care Systems

Tim Moore, VP Business Development, Marcam Associates

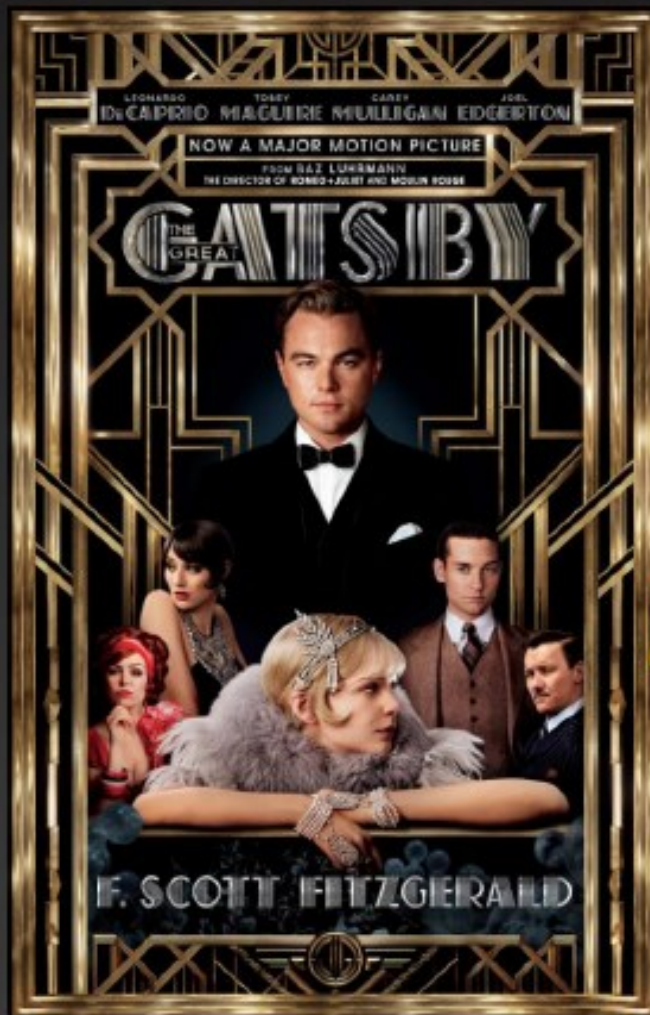
John D. Currier, CPAM, CCT (National AAHAM 2nd VP)

Paul Miller, Chairman & CEO, Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC

Sandra Kraiss, Asst. VP Health Delivery & Payment Systems, IHA

Great Gatsby

Themed Banquet —Thursday December 5



**Dinner!
Dancing!
Fun!**

**West MacQueen
Street Band!**



5-6pm President's Reception

6-7pm Dinner

7-8pm Awards

8-11:30pm-FUN FUN FUN!!!!

Free Gift!

Come dressed in the Gatsby Era Style!



Illinois Chapter

ANNUAL STATE INSTITUTE

When: December 4th – December 6th, 2013

Where: Embassy Suites
100 Conference Center Drive
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Hotel Phone # Local: 309-694-0200

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Meeting Cost \$100.00 (*AAHAM members*)
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Rooms blocked until: November 13, 2013

Room Cost \$119.00 + tax (single or double)

(Group Name: American Association of Healthcare
Administrative Management)

Meeting attire: Business casual

Banquet theme The Great Gatsby

Click to register on-line at www.illinoisaaaham.com





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MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Exhibit hall set-up & vendor fair hospitality

Thursday, December 5, 2013

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. General membership meeting – President announcements
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. "The Line" Ethics, Compliance, Financial Integrity
Weston Smith President, ChalkLine Solutions, Inc.
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break (*Please visit the Vendor Fair*)**
- 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. "Anything is Possible: Overcoming Obstacles"
Shay Eskew Vice President of Client Services, EnableComp
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. "Dealing with VA Claims" Veterans Administration--
Arnetta Smith, Chief of Medical Administration Services
- 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. **Break (*Please visit the Vendor Fair*)**
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. "Calling patient cell phones – Is your facility at risk?"
Tim Moore, VP of Business Development, Marcam Assoc.
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. "SURVIVAL"-Team Building/Problem Solving
John Currier, CPAM, CCT, Exec Dir of Rev Cycle Mgmt
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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Thursday Evening Banquet

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. President's Reception
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Awards
8:00 - 11:30 p.m. West MacQueen Street Band

Guest dinner's available upon request: \$50.00 per person

Friday, December 6, 2013

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. "Washington Updates"
Paul Miller, Chairman/CEO
Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break**
10:45 - 12:00 p.m. "Illinois Hospital Association Updates"
Sandy Kraiss, Assistance Vice President, Health Delivery
and Payment Systems, Illinois Hospital Association





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2013 ANNUAL STATE INSTITUTE MEETING REGISTRATION

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Title: _____

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Company Address: _____

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E-mail: _____

Do you plan on attending the Banquet Dinner Thursday evening? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Certified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If certified please indicate which: ☐ CPAM ☐ CCAM ☐ CCAT ☐ CPAT ☐ CCT

Are you a member of AAHAM? ☐ Yes ☐ No Membership # _____

Is this your first IL AAHAM meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you register on-line? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cancellation policy is 72 hours from date of event for full refund.

Registration deadline is November 26, 2013. Please send your payment by November 26, 2013.

Please make checks payable to IL AAHAM and mail your registration form and payment to:

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S P E A K E R I N F O R M A T I O N



WESTON SMITH, President
ChalkLine Solutions, Inc.

Weston Smith spent five years as a CPA on the audit staff of Ernst & Young. He was subsequently recruited to a management position with Healthsouth Corporation, and ultimately became CFO. During his tenure at Healthsouth, the company grew from 13 locations to an international corporation with over 2000 locations, and became listed on the New York Stock Exchange and entered the Fortune 500.

However, hidden underneath Healthsouth's glimmering corporate image, a multi-year \$3 Billion accounting fraud developed. In what Weston describes as "finally doing the right thing" he voluntarily exposed the fraud in 2003, and accepted the consequences for his own actions. Since then, he has become an outspoken advocate of ethics and integrity - not just in business - but through all walks of life, and has spoken to thousands of professionals and university students. "The need for ethics and integrity isn't just a business story. They are the foundation for worthwhile goals and accomplishments in life".

Weston Smith has appeared on CNBC and the Fox Business Network. His story can be found at www.WestonSmith.biz

Confidence in the business world has reached an all-time low in the aftermath of repeated corporate scandals, Ponzi schemes, and unethical business practices. Weston Smith, who was one of many participants in the multi-year fraud that occurred at Healthsouth Corporation, will describe the culture and rationalizations that led to the fraud. He will deliver a hard hitting message on simply doing the right thing in business, and in life.



SHAY ESKEW, Vice President, Client Services
EnableComp

Shay Eskew is the Vice President of Client Services for EnableComp, a dedicated workers' comp revenue cycle specialist that focuses on helping providers achieve financial success by assuring they are paid correctly. Mr. Eskew's background is heavily entrenched in finance and risk management with 8 years' experience as a CFO at an automotive distribution company (sold to a private equity firm), as well as prior experience as a workers comp risk consultant. Shay received a BS (cum laude) and a MBA (finance) from the University of Tennessee. Most importantly, Shay just celebrated his 10yr wedding anniversary and is the proud father of 4 kids under 7.

Anything is Possible: Overcoming Obstacles.

A product of blue collar workers and public school educated, Shay received a doctorate from the School of Hard Knocks. At the age of 8, Shay's life was dramatically altered forever. Shay's story is one that is a provider's nightmare, uninsured trauma patient. Having been accidentally set afire by a neighbor's child and suffering burn and burn related scarring over 65% of his body, his family was suddenly faced with \$2M of medical bills. Eskew's medical story will highlight the challenges of being told you'd never be competitive in sports again to competing at the Ironman World Championship as well as being a 3x member of Team USA at the International Triathlon World Championships. Shay's plight is a success story of providers and one of perseverance. His focus centers on goal setting, perseverance, crisis adaptation and time management.

ARNETTA SMITH, Chief of Medical Administration Services
VA Illiana Health Care Systems

Arnetta Smith was selected as Chief of Medical Administration Service for VA Illiana Health Care System, Danville, Illinois in June of 2006. Medical Administration Service, which includes 125 staff members, encompasses Health Benefits, Health Information Management, non-VA Care, VERA and Outreach Programs and the administrative staff at Illiana's five Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Arnetta Smith received her Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1997. Arnetta's career at the Department of Veterans Affairs began twenty-seven years ago as a Medical Technologist in the Laboratory of the Danville campus. She has assumed numerous collateral duties including EEO Manager, Compliance Officer, and Chief of Medical Care Cost Recovery. Arnetta was instrumental in VA Illiana's Total Quality Improvement Program and mentors up and coming Veterans Affairs leaders.

TIM MOORE, Vice President of Business Development
Marcam Associates

TCPA Update – Calling patients cell phones - is your facility at risk?

Tim has over 22 years of revenue cycle management experience. Tim has extensive experience implementing self pay and collection strategies for several healthcare organizations nationwide. He has the in-depth knowledge necessary to address the diversity of issues involved. He consults regularly with executives from the healthcare finance arena to help create solutions to the ever changing and impacting problems we all deal with.

Tim currently is the President of the Maine Chapter of AAHAM as well as the Vice President for the Massachusetts Association of Patient Account Management (MAPAM). Additionally, Tim is actively involved with National AAHAM and HFMA.

Prior to Tim's Healthcare career Tim served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps and that's where he met his wife of 24 years. Tim is the very proud father of three wonderful sons including twins that chose to follow in their parent's footsteps and are now serving on active duty in the United States Marines



JOHN D. CURRIER, CPAM, CCT
Executive Director of Revenue Cycle Management
Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services

John is the Executive Director of Revenue Cycle Management for Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services in Gibson City, IL. John has been in healthcare management for 25+ years, dealing in Revenue Cycle Management (for hospital & physicians). Besides his current duties, John spends a great deal of time doing presentations on customer service, motivation and team building throughout the country. John holds a BS in Education from IL State University & a MS in administration from the University of IL at Springfield. A father of 4 and Grandfather of 9, his number one priority is family. John is currently the National AAHAM Second Vice-President.



PAUL MILLER, Chairman & CEO
Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC

Paul was born and raised in Racine, Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin Whitewater where he received his B.S. in Political Science. Paul spent his senior year interning for former U.S. Congressman Les Aspin.

Currently, Paul is a founding partner in the Government Affairs firm Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC. In 2005 Paul was elected the youngest President of the American League of Lobbyists, the national association representing the lobbying profession.

Paul has vast experience in the lobbying profession and in January of 2006, he introduced the first lobbying certificate program for the profession. A program designed to help lobbyists keep pace with the profession and its standards.

He led the successful fight to bring about changes to the electronic filing system in the House of Representatives. These changes make it easier for lobbyists to comply and meet their obligations under federal law and allows the general public an opportunity to view lobbying reports online in real time.

Paul was also instrumental in shaping the debate on lobbying reform in 2006 and 2007. As chief spokesman and lobbyist for the profession, Paul met with leaders from both parties on the issue of reform. He has appeared before both the House and Senate and has appeared on most television programs educating the public on the issue of lobbying and proposed changes to the Lobbying Disclosure Act. He has been a tireless champion in the fight to protect every citizen's right to petition their government through lobbying activities.

As a leader in his profession, Paul has traveled abroad to talk with foreign leaders about their efforts to implement lobbying rules and regulations. He has met with leaders from Peru, Indonesia, Great Britain, Brazil, Viet Nam, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Scandinavia, Poland, and Japan.

He has appeared on NBC Nightly News, ABC News, C-Span, CNN, MSNBC, The News Hour with Jim Lehr, and Lou Dobbs discussing ethics and transparency issues.

In addition to his professional life, Paul believes that giving back to the community is an important part of any business. That is why in 1999 Paul created the Hoops for Youth Foundation, which pits members of Congress vs. lobbyists each year in an effort to raise money for children's charities in the Washington, D.C. area. To date the Foundation has raised over \$650,000 for local kids. Additionally, Paul is the co-founder of the Virginia Small Business Partnership, which is a statewide policy group focused on the needs of small businesses.

Paul currently serves on his alma maters Deans Advisory Board at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. And, in 2010 was named to the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth.

He is married to his wife Amy and they have two daughters Taylor and Alexis.



**Sandra E. Kraiss Assistant Vice President,
Health Delivery & Payment Systems**
Illinois Hospital Association

Sandy Kraiss is Assistant Vice President, Health Delivery & Payment Systems for the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), which represents more than 200 Illinois hospitals and health systems and the patients and communities they serve. In that capacity she plays a key role in the development and execution of IHA's policy activities on behalf of Illinois hospitals. She is in charge of issues related to hospital finance and delivery and was instrumental in helping craft three pieces of landmark legislation on tax exemption and financial assistance, uninsured discounts and hospital billing and collections.

Sandy has over 30 years' experience working in and on behalf of hospitals in health finance, policy development and legislative advocacy. Prior to joining the IHA, Sandy held various finance positions in hospitals. She received a Master in Finance degree from DePaul University and a Bachelor in Accounting from Elmhurst College.

Sandy is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM).



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
2013

October 16,

The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) announces Name Changes to World Famous Certifications

Fairfax, VA - The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) announced at their annual conference, the renaming of their renowned certifications. These new names are designed to more accurately reflect current job and industry titles and reinforce the association's growth and continued focus on healthcare revenue cycle professionals.

"By updating the titles, AAHAM designations now accurately reflect the scope of knowledge and skills required to secure these prestigious certifications" said AAHAM President, Christine Stottlemeyer, CRCE-I.

A focused branding campaign kicked off at the conference to provide information and dissemination of the new names. The new branding program will unify the AAHAM certification brand across all products and platforms to reinforce their presence in the healthcare community.

The new names are:

Certified Revenue Cycle Executive-Institutional (CRCE-I) formerly known as the Certified Patient Account Manager (CPAM)
Certified Revenue Cycle Executive-Professional (CRCE-P) formerly known as the Certified Clinic Account Manager (CCAM)
Certified Revenue Cycle Specialist-Institutional (CRCS-I) formerly known as the Certified Patient Account Technician (CPAT)
Certified Revenue Cycle Specialist-Professional (CRCS-P) formerly known as the Certified Clinic Account Technician (CCAT)

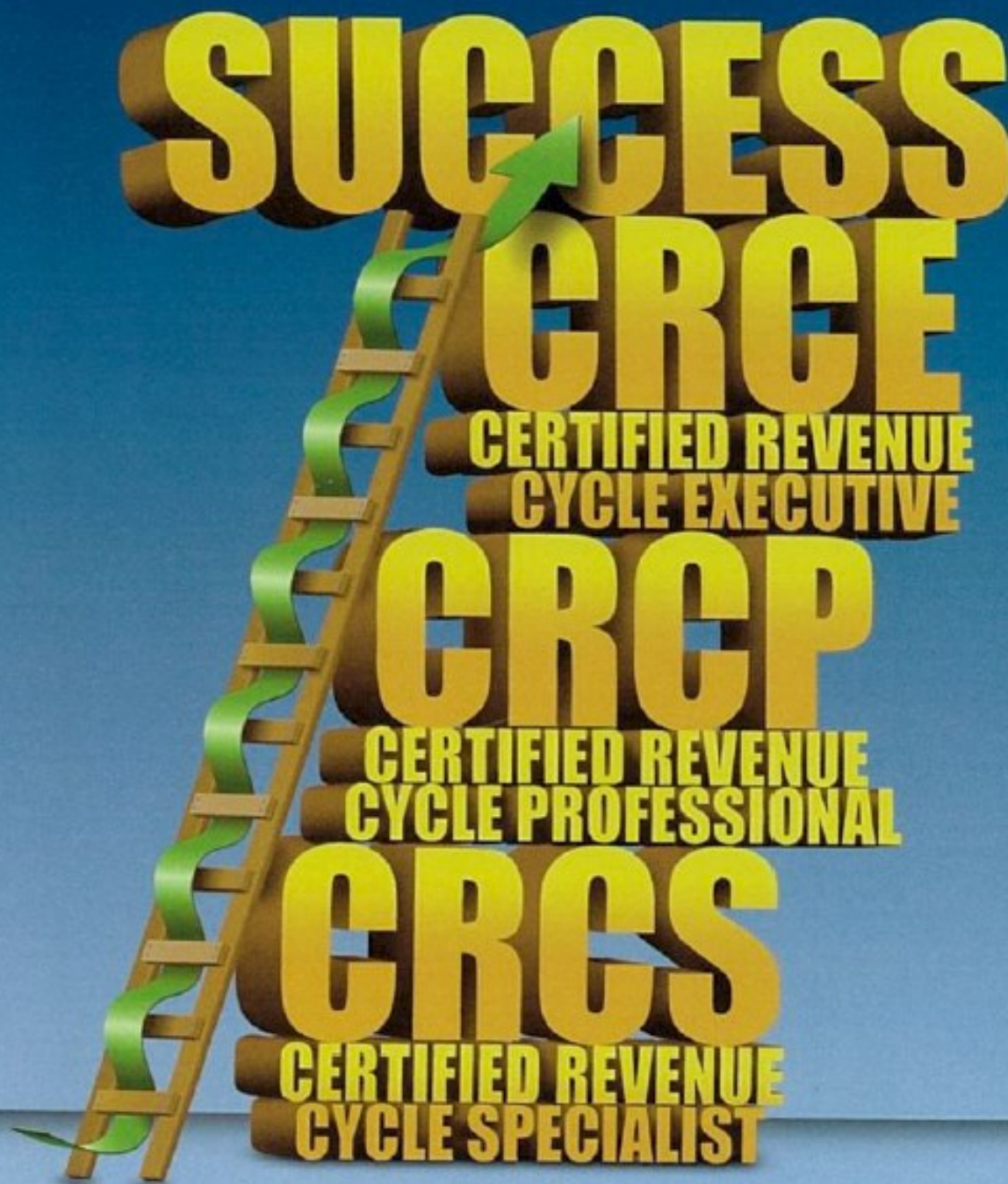
A new mid-level certification was also announced, the CRCP, Certified Revenue Cycle Professional. This new exam is designed for mid-level managers and tests the participant's knowledge of the revenue cycle. With the addition of this new certification, AAHAM now offers a complete career ladder, beginning with the CRCS and culminating with the CRCE.

For more information regarding AAHAM and its programs, please visit www.aaham.org or contact AAHAM, 703.281.4043.

ABOUT AAHAM

The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) is a national professional association of thirty-two chapters and over 3000 healthcare patient financial services professionals from hospitals, clinics, billing offices, allied vendors, physicians and multi physician groups. AAHAM members direct the activities of the thousands of people who are employed in the healthcare industry.

AAHAM is the preeminent professional organization for revenue cycle professionals and is known for its prestigious certification and educational programs; professional development of its members is one of the primary goals of the association. AAHAM is also recognized for its quarterly journal, The Journal of Healthcare Administrative Management and its Annual National Institute, held each fall. AAHAM actively represents the interests of its members through a comprehensive program of legislative and regulatory monitoring and participation in industry groups such as WEDI, ASC X12, NUBC and NUCC.



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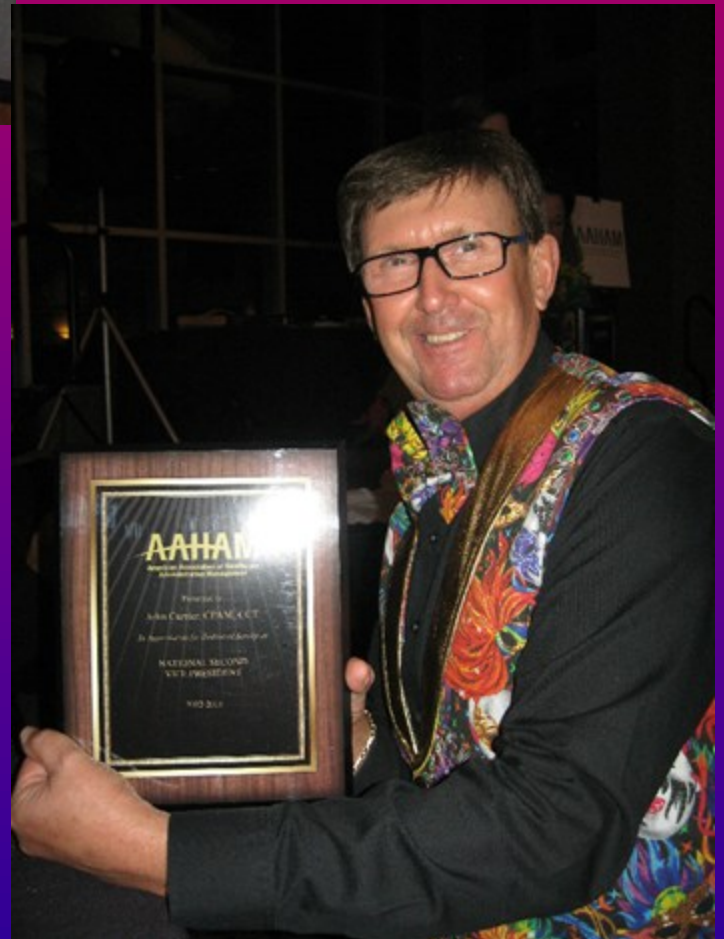


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Toni	Day	CRCS-P	Gibson Area Hospital
Jacqueline	Rusk	CRCS-P	Gibson Area Hospital
Lourie	Johnson	CRCS-I	Hills and Dales General Hospital
Kayla	Lasceski	CRCS-I	Hills and Dales General Hospital
Ashley	Schriber	CRCS-I	Hills and Dales General Hospital
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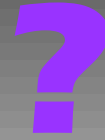
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ASK:

Dear Illinois AAHAM,

Where do I find information about the most recent Hospital Financial Assistance Program/ IL Charity Care policy changes that are effective January 1, 2014?

ANSWER:



The final rule was released in August of 2013. The hospital financial assistance application requirements (Section 4500.30) and the presumptive eligibility criteria (Section 4500.40) are to be implemented no later than January 1, 2014. The final ruling has very specific wording that should be reviewed and compared to your current policies.

The ruling also has guidelines on presumptive eligibility for Illinois hospital as well as specifics for all hospital, urban hospitals and critical access hospitals.

If you are an IL hospital provider and a member of IHA, you may also contact IHA for additional information.

Heading of the Part: Hospital Financial Assistance under the Fair Patient Billing Act

Code Citation: 77 Ill. Adm. Code 4500

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Adopted Action:</u>
4500.10	New Section
4500.20	New Section
4500.30	New Section
4500.40	New Section
4500.50	New Section
4500.60	New Section
4500.APPENDIX A	New Section

Statutory Authority: Implementing and authorized by Section 27 of the Fair Patient Billing Act [210 ILCS 88/27]



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Illinois Healthcare & Family Services (HFS) Bulletin

Jodie Edmonds, Vice President, Medicaid Revenue Consultant
November 1, 2013

Enhanced Hospital Assessment Payments

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) will begin payments to hospitals under the Enhanced Hospital Assessment, as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This initiative will generate an annual net benefit for Illinois hospitals of about \$190 million.

The approved Assessment program has an effective date of June 10, 2012, which requires the state to make retroactive payments back to that date. To accomplish this, the Department will process the retroactive payments in a series of three payouts, each covering multiple months. The Department will be transmitting annual hospital payment reports and tax remittance schedules in the coming days.

Reference the HFS October 23, 2013 notice

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/102313n.pdf>

HFS Outstanding Issues

HFS still has not implemented the following:

- Renal Add-On Payments
 - The new segments have been added to the provider database but providers are not receiving the \$60.00 add-on payment yet.
 - The HFS programming/testing has not been completed.
- Hospital Acquired Conditions Adjustments
 - The HFS programming/testing has not been completed.
- Increased Co-Pay amount from \$3.65 to \$3.90
 - The HFS programming/testing has not been completed.
- Addition of CPT Code 90846 when billing for Hospital Outpatient Psychiatric Type A Services
 - The HFS programming/testing has not been completed.
 - C32 (Procedure Illogical for Category of Service) Rejections are occurring.



- Services on hold for CPT Codes 81200 – 81599
 - Hospital Fee-for-Service Billing
 - HFS is reviewing to determine the appropriate reimbursement for these services.

Hospital Outpatient Observation Services

As a result of the HFS system restraints that have existed for years, Nebo Systems/Passport Health has the capability of assisting hospitals with billing electronically for observation services that span more than two days.

Hospitals that are interested in this standardized programming edit, please contact your Account Manager for your facility.

Pay-to-Provider (Payee) NPI Reporting

With the implementation of the 5010 837I, HFS no longer requires that hospitals report the Pay-to-Provider Name, Address and NPI in the 837I format or in the UB-04 Paper Claim.

The Pay-to-Provider (Payee) reporting is only required when the address for payment is different than that of the Billing Provider. All enrolled Illinois Medicaid hospitals only have one payee on their provider file and that payee is themselves.

HFS 2360 Paper Claim Form – 2 Digit HIPAA Place of Service Codes

HFS does not require providers to report the 2 digit HIPAA Place of Service Codes when billing on the HFS 2360 Claim Form.

New and Revised CPT Codes for 2014 Speech-Language Pathology

The following are changes to CPT codes that are effective **January 1, 2014**. HFS has not yet determined how they will handle these code changes.

New Codes

- **92521** Evaluation of speech fluency (eg, stuttering, cluttering)
- **92522** Evaluation of speech sound production (eg, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria);
- **92523** Evaluation of speech sound production (eg, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (eg, receptive and expressive language)
- **92524** Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance

Deleted Codes

- **92506** Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing
- CPT 92506 has been replaced with four new evaluation codes related to speech sound production, language, fluency, and voice and resonance. (See new codes above)

Ambulatory Procedures Listing Update

HFS recently posted updates to the APL. The update was mostly to change the age range of dental codes we have on the APL. Senate Bill 26 allowed more dental codes to be re-opened for adults.

Prompt Pay Interest Payments

HFS paid approximately \$165M in interest payments to the providers at the end of September.

These payments can be identified on the HFS Remittance Advices, "Prompt Pay Interest" or on the Comptroller's web site with "Object 1991." Object 1991 indicates Prompt Pay Interest.

Comptroller's Web Site www.ioc.state.il.us

- Under Financial Inquiries
- Vendor Payments
- Click on individual payment in question

Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Reimbursement Systems

Final Rules must be published by November 30, 2013.

Effective with admissions on or after July 1, 2014, **inpatient claims** will be processed and adjudicated through the 3M All Payer Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR-DRG) payment system.

One significant change is the inpatient reimbursement for transplants:

- Transplant Claims will be paid at 50% of total charges

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2014, outpatient claims will be processed and adjudicated through the Enhanced Ambulatory Procedure Grouping (EAPG) payment system.

- Hospital fee-for-service billing and payment methodology will not be changed and will not be incorporated into the new EAPG payment system.
- Medicare Crossover claims will no longer be reimbursed based on departments visited.

2013 EHR Incentive Attestation

The revised implementation date for accepting 2013 Electronic Health Records Incentive attestations for eligible professionals and hospitals with HFS will be November 18, 2013.

Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace

Get Covered Illinois is the name of the Illinois Marketplace website www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov

If a client has Medicaid, they are already covered. They do not have to buy more health coverage.

- If a client is in an unmet spenddown status, this means their assets/income are too high for any Medicaid program, the Marketplace is where they should go.
- If the client is under 65, not on Medicare or SSI or in an LTC, they may be eligible for the Medicaid Expansion up to 138% FPL.
- If they are on Medicare and choose the Marketplace, they are not eligible for the subsidy.

The Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion

The Affordable Care Act expanded the number of people who qualify for Medicaid, an estimated 350,000 individuals the first year.

The law extends eligibility to all adults under the age of 65 whose modified adjusted gross incomes fall below just under \$16,000 for individuals and \$32,500 for a family of four.

Online Application Called Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE)

Illinois Medicaid has a new web-based application system known as the Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE). Through ABE, applicants or Assisters can apply online for Medicaid programs.

Currently, the new system does not have the capability of adding newborns to a case. The process is still in the development stage so providers need to continue with the current process for adding a newborn to a case.

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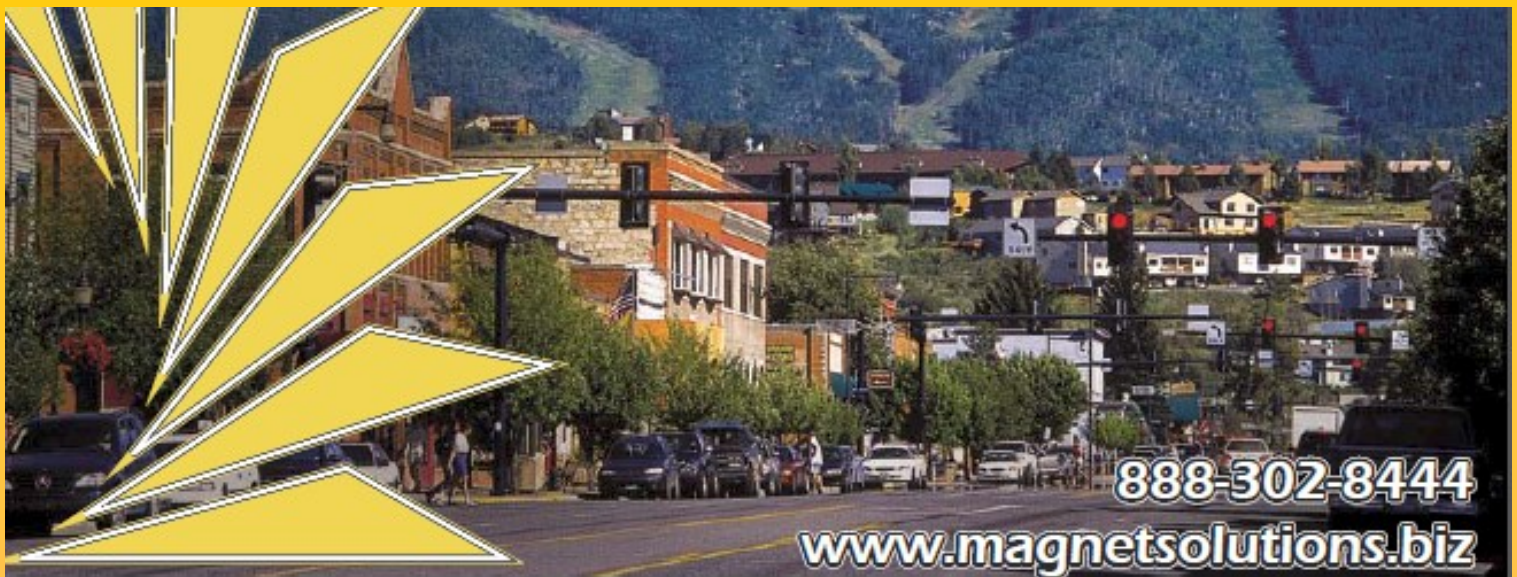
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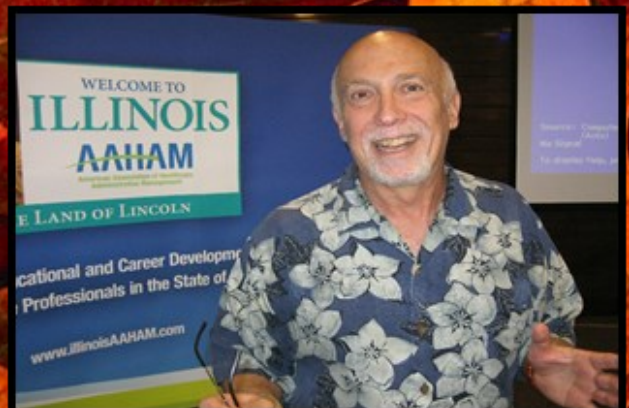
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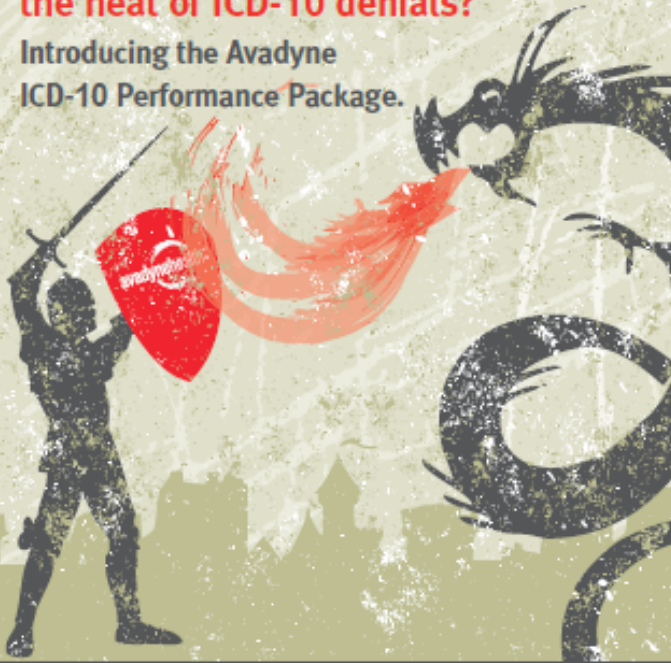
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