



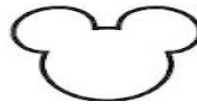
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Keystone Chapter of AAHAM

June 2015

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/15/2015 *Educational Meeting*
Penn National - Grantville, PA
- 8/13/2015 *Board Meeting*
Conference Call (9 am - 12 pm)
- 9/24/2015 *Educational Meeting*
Desmond Hotel - Malvern, PA
- 10/14/2015 - *AAHAM ANI @ WDW ----->*
- 10/16/2015 *Swan & Dolphin - Orlando, FL*



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President's Letter

June 2015

Hello Everyone

We are basically at the mid- year mark of 2015 or for many of the providers you are at fiscal year end (June 30th). Regardless, we are all going through what may be deemed the most challenging, exciting, and opportunistic times in our Revenue Cycle careers. System conversions, improving cash flow and days in accounts receivable, mergers, acquisitions, affiliations, downsizing are many of the very real challenges you are dealing with. It is at these most difficult times we should take the time to participate in AAHAM at the National and Keystone Chapter levels. Education and networking are vastly important to you and your staff. Keeping your experienced employees and those who are younger and just beginning their healthcare careers benefit from the opportunities provided by AAHAM. As we navigate through what may seem to be the most stressful and difficult times, please take solace and be reminded that we are all in this together and supportive of each other. Reach out to your Keystone AAHAM Officers, Corporate Sponsors and members who collectively have the knowledge and resources to assist you. Attend education meetings and support your management team by having them attend these meetings with you.

I wish you all a great summer and continued success.

Sincerely,

Roger Poremsky, CRCE-I
Keystone Chapter President



WELCOME TO THE GROUP!

Michelle Brooks - Susquehanna Health Soldiers & Sailors

David O'Brien - Wellspan Rehabilitation

****Renew Your Membership****

If you have not renewed your membership with the Keystone Chapter or with National AAHAM, please take a few minutes to renew.

By updating your membership, you will continue to keep your pulse of what is happening now in this ever changing environment.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Go to www.keystoneaaham.org to renew!

Thanks for your continued support!

Deb Sterling, CRCE-I

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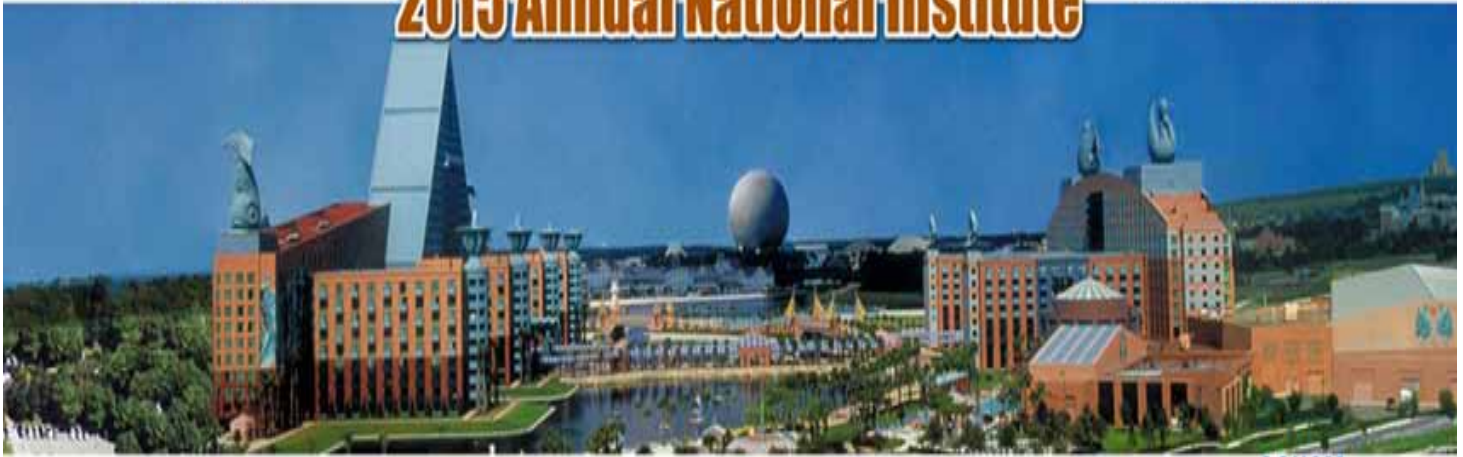
AAHAM's mission is to be the premier professional organization in health care administrative management.

Through a national organization and local chapters, AAHAM provides quality member services and leadership in the areas of education, communication, representation, professional standards and certification.

Save the date

2015 Annual National Institute

October 14-16, 2015



www.aaham.org

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin, Orlando, Florida



CHAPTER EXCELLENCE

Help us achieve GREATNESS again this year

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Study session sign in sheets. Please include: participant's names, date and length of time spent. This includes sessions given for CRCE, CRCP, CRCS and CCT
- AAHAM presentations made to staff promoting AAHAM and AAHAM Membership. Remember: for it to count AAHAM logo must be on the presentation.
- VENDORS – if you are giving a presentation, consider including a push for AAHAM membership in your presentation?

The Keystone AAHAM Certification Corner Early Summer 2015

Certification Webinars are back! ...and summer can be a great time to study!!!

CRCP Summer Webinar Series (to prepare for the CRCP professional certification exam or stay current in your skills, and earn AAHAM CEUs at the same time)

Dates	Time	Topic	Keystone-Hosted Location	CEUs
Wed. June 24, 2015	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT	Patient Access	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	3.0
Wed. July 15, 2015	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT	Billing (same day as meeting)	Good Samaritan, Lebanon	3.0
Wed. July 22, 2015	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT	Credit & Collections	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	3.0
Wed. August 5, 2015	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EDT	Revenue Cycle Management	Good Samaritan, Lebanon	3.0

CRCE Summer Webinar Series (to prepare for the CRCE professional certification exam or stay current in your skills, and earn AAHAM CEUs at the same time)

Dates	Time	Topic	Keystone-Hosted Location	CEUs
Fri. July 10, 2015	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT	Patient Access	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	4.0
Fri. July 31, 2015	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT	Billing	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	4.0
Fri. August 14, 2015	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm EDT	Credit & Collections	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	4.0
Fri. August 28, 2015	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT	Revenue Cycle Management	Ephrata/Wellspan PFS	4.0

NOTE: The webinar series are sponsored and run by National AAHAM. *Keystone AAHAM has paid to host the webinar and offer it for FREE to its members.* If you would like to attend any or all sessions, please contact **Carolyn Brown** at 717-270-2460 or cbrown@philhaven.org. I would like to provide a headcount for our hosts in order to plan room set-up and seating. Also, we will make sure to provide directions, including room number and contact information for each webinar.

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You must be present at the host-site to participate.

All National AAHAM members who hold a current certification designation (CRCE, CRCP, CRIP, CRCS, or CCT) will earn CEUs for each session attended.

*Individual / Group Study Sessions are available upon request. NOTE: They can be scheduled on Saturdays, if needed.

Congratulations to Keystone AAHAM Members who recently earned their certifications! Way to go!!!

May 2015		
Nancy Abraham, CRCS-I	Kimberly Derr, CRCS-I	Jillian Paul, CRCS-I
Eric Baines, CRCP-P	Jess Dower, CRCS-I	Suzanne Remhoff, CRCS-I
Laura Bolich, CRCS-I	Catherine James, CRCP-I	Rebecca Souders, CRCS-I
Sarah Colamarino, CRCS-I	Susan Marcoon, CRCS-I	

2015 Certification Calendar

June 1, 2015	Registration deadline for August 2015 certification exams
August 10-21, 2015	Certification exam period
September 1, 2015	Registration deadline for November 2015 certification exams
November 9-20, 2015	Certification exam period
December 1, 2015	Registration deadline for February 2016 certification exams

AAHAM Recertification CEU Requirements

We are in the second half of the CEU Reporting Period for Professionally Certified Members (01/01/2014 – 12/31/2015). If you haven't reached your required CEUs, come on out to our educational meetings or consider attending the webinar series. Stay Active; you'll be glad you did!

Best wishes to all of you! Have a Great Summer!

Regards,
Carolyn Brown, CRCE-I
Keystone AAHAM

Reminder of the Medical Assistance Provider Revalidation/Reenrollment Requirements

Provided by Roger Poremsky, CRCE-I PATHS

The following link is a general announcement regarding ACA provider revalidation. This Medical Assistance Bulletin (MAB) 99-14-06 was effective March 25, 2011:

http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/c_074003.pdf

Please be aware of the bulletin and we remind you to prepare and submit the required documentation for each of your service locations/sites of service; it is recommended that you complete the revalidation with ample time for the Department to process (at least 60-120 days).

The information below is a short synopsis taken from the bulletin of the requirements:

REENROLLMENT/REVALIDATION OF ALL PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY MARCH 24, 2016

- * The Affordable Care Act (§ 455.414) requires the Department to revalidate existing providers by March 24, 2016 and at least every five years thereafter.
- * Providers will need to complete a full new enrollment application for each site of service (service location) in sufficient time for the Department to screen and approve by March 24, 2016.
- * If you have not already done so, please plan on submitting your provider application prior to this date, and plan for additional time for processing.

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Get Published

We are always looking for articles from our members.

Do you have an article on a current financial healthcare topic? Please send to ksummerlot@nrargroup.com.

Articles should be less than 800 words and submitted in a Word document.

PASS IT ON!

Do you know someone who would like to receive the KPAMA Journal? Email info@KeystoneAAHAM.org with the individual's name, company and contact information or visit our website at www.keystoneaaham.org and follow the link to **Join Keystone AAHAM's Email List.**

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* If this is not completed, the Department is required to close each applicable provider service location.

* The Department expects longer wait times for approvals and heavier volumes close to the March 24, 2016 deadline. Please plan to submit your renewed applications in sufficient time for a continuous enrollment period to avoid disruptions in service and claims.

* You may have already revalidated! All provider letters and portal login screens contain your next revalidation due date. Quick Tip #172 was issued to assist providers navigating the provider portal to view their revalidation dates online for each service location. Please feel free to utilize and advertise the Quick Tip: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/webcopy/c_074206.pdf

* If you haven't taken a moment to peruse the Department's website dedicated to the ACA Provider Enrollment and Screening provisions at §42 CFR 455 Subpart E, please visit our site at:

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/providerenrollmentandscreeningrequirementsforaffordablecareact/index.htm>

If you have any questions please contact Roger Poremsky at rporemsky@hcupaths.com or by phone at 484-614-4880.

Don't  Forget!



Legislative day is a great opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and meet with government representatives and communicate how regulations and laws affect healthcare. It is a time to meet with other AAHAM members, network and build relationships.

This Year's Topics

- Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- The Hospital Improvements for Payment Act of 2014

**Over 100 AAHAM members participated
Pennsylvania had 26 members attend- Way to Go PA!!!**

**We sponsored two scholarships to attend this event-
The winners were:**

**Stephanie Erwin from Lehigh Valley Health Network
Bill Major from WellSpan Health**





Barcodes started in 1974

Wristbands

Bedside Registrations

Pre-registrations

Pre-authorizations

Pre-certifications



Types of Barcode Readers	Linear Barcode (1D)	Stacked RSS (Linear)	Composite 2D Component	2D
Laser Scanner	Yes	Yes w/ raster	Linear component	No
Linear Imager	Yes	Yes w/ raster	Linear component	No
Area Imager	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Federal Communications Commission Approves Ruling on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

by ACA International

June 18, 2015

The new TCPA ruling, which has not yet been released, is expected to be a significant development for the credit and collection industry.

In a 3-2 vote along party lines, the Federal Communications Commission has approved a declaratory ruling on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act which it claims will reaffirm “the TCPA’s protections against unwanted robocalls, encouraging pro-consumer uses of robocall technology and responding to a number of requests for clarity from businesses and other callers.”

Despite the vote Thursday, the language of the ruling has not yet been released. Once the full text is released, the ruling will become immediately effective. As soon as the full text of the ruling is available, ACA will schedule and conduct a comprehensive seminar to provide ACA members an in-depth analysis of the ruling. We have also scheduled a number of sessions regarding the impact of the FCC ruling at the upcoming 2015 ACA International Convention & Expo in Boston.

The vote passed despite strong dissent from two FCC Commissioners who spoke at length about how the new ruling will hurt businesses and consumers, as well as cause confusion.

“In practice, the TCPA has strayed beyond its original purpose, and the FCC can fix that. Instead, the order takes the opposite tact,” said Commissioner Ajit Pai in a prepared statement to the Commission. “This order will make abuse of the TCPA, much, much easier. The primary beneficiary will be abusive trial lawyers, not consumers.”

“After this order, pretty much any phone that is not a rotary dial phone will be an automatic dialer,” Commissioner Pai added.

FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, who also voiced dissent, stated that the new rule was “a new low I have never seen in politics and policy making” and said that the Commissioners were voting on a “slanted document.”

“Today’s order has been hailed as protecting American consumers, but it is a farce,” Commissioner O’Rielly said. “The order penalizes businesses and institutions acting in good faith to reach

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their consumers using technology.”

Those supporting the ruling - Chairman Tom Wheeler and Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Jessica Rosenworcel - all suggested the new rule upheld the original spirit of the TCPA and expanded protections to consumers.

“ACA International will be analyzing the ruling and examining how it may impact the legitimate business need our members have to contact consumers in the way they want to be contacted,” said ACA International CEO Pat Morris. “ACA has remained focused on the need for the FCC to address several significant issues related to its TCPA rules, and our members have been at the forefront of actively advocating for change. We sincerely hope that any clarifications to the regulation voted upon today address these concerns.”

Achieving appropriate TCPA clarification has long been a priority for ACA international and its members. In January 2014, ACA filed a petition with the FCC requesting important clarifications in the law, and ACA has been actively advocating for those clarifications and encouraging the FCC to address the important issues for our members raised by ACA’s petition.

In February, ACA, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its Institute for Legal Reform, as well as more than 30 organizations and associations sent a letter to the FCC asking it to expeditiously address the issues raised in the numerous TCPA-related petitions that have been filed with the agency. Importantly, this letter demonstrates the importance of TCPA clarification to a variety of industries.

Through this process, ACA has been working in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness of the outdated and ambiguous nature of the law and its rules, resulting in the fast-growing number of TCPA-related class action lawsuits. We have worked to inform legislators and regulators that companies may often be targeted for lawsuits because barriers for filing these suits are very low and statutory damages can be immense even despite the nonexistence of actual injury. As a result, companies are forced to settle quickly or incur significant costs to defend themselves.

2015



The 9th Annual Frank Gill Memorial Golf Outing UPDATE

Tentative Date:
October 8th or 9th, 2015

Dauphin Highland
650 S. Harrisburg Street
Harrisburg, PA 17113

Format: Team scramble

We will be having a
joint tournament with
Central PA HFMA.
Please stay tuned for
further updates.

Thank you.

Dale Brumbach
Tournament Director

2014 Winners

1st Place with a score of 55:
Barth Marino, Steve Kunkle, and
Marty Park, James Fegley

2nd with a score of 63:
Rich Templin, Brian Bepler, and
Dale Brumbach

3rd place with a score of 64:
Alan Cieslak, Matt Robinson,
John Perry, and Brian Cattie

Closest to the Pin on hole 14:
Dale Brumbach

Closest to the Pin on hole 12:
Marty Park

Closest to the Pin on hole 5:
Ed Farr

Longest Drive – Men
James Fegley

Longest Drive – Women
Chris Stottlemyer



Is there a topic that you
want covered at the Key-
stone meetings? Is there
a specific speaker that you
would like to hear? Let us
know!

These are **your** meetings
and we want to know what
presentations you want
to see. Is there a favorite
speaker from the past that
you would like to hear from
again?

Please contact wmajor3@wellspan.org (Bill Major) or
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