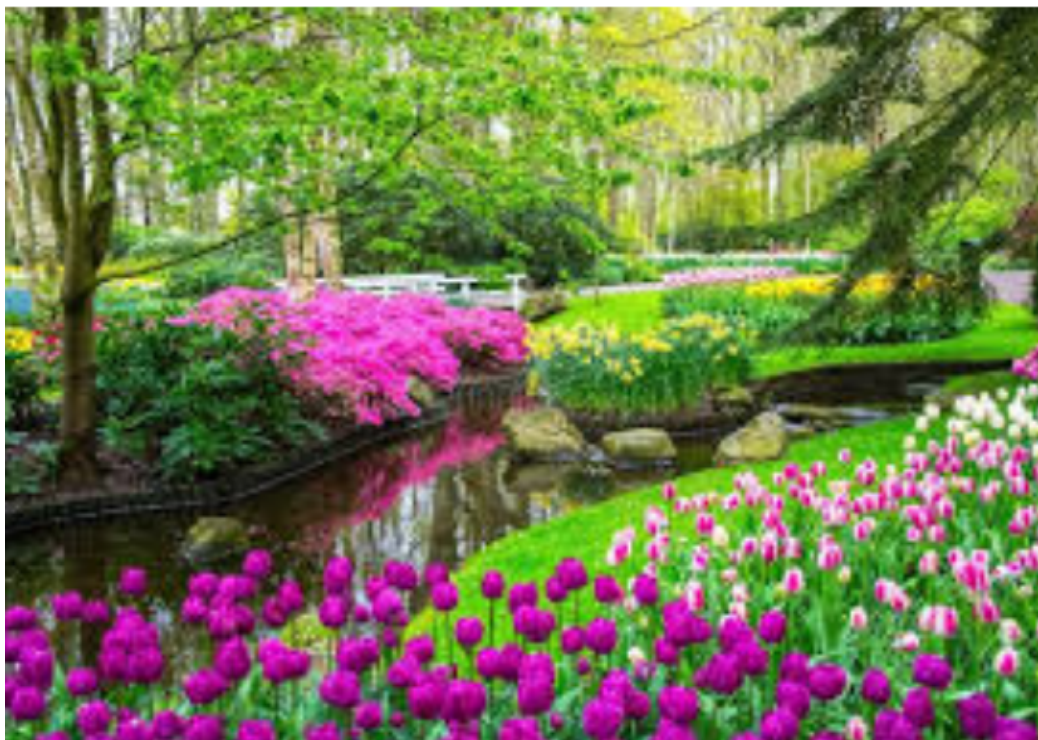


Hawkeye Highlights

Hawkeye Chapter of AAHAM

Spring 2025



Message from the President . . .



Kema Davis
Hawkeye Chapter President
AAHAM

Hawkeye AAHAM President's Message

Welcome to the Hawkeye AAHAM website. The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) stands as the premier organization for leaders and staff involved in revenue cycle management, and I am both proud and honored to serve as the President of Iowa's Chapter.

Like my predecessors, I am committed to guiding our Chapter toward achieving its fullest potential. I aspire to see our membership grow and learn from each other. One effective strategy for this is to attract new members from various sectors within healthcare, not limited to hospitals. Any organization that engages with patients and handles billing can contribute to our community. Our collective focus is on enhancing the patient experience, managing denials, improving accounts receivable, and effectively managing staff. I envision Hawkeye AAHAM as an organization that truly represents YOU—our members and corporate sponsors.

If you know individuals working in these areas, please encourage them to join us. The more diverse our membership, the greater the opportunity for mutual learning. Membership in AAHAM also facilitates growth through educational sessions that enhance our knowledge and skills. This development not only strengthens us as employees but also equips us to drive improvements in the revenue cycle within our organizations.

Pursuing certification is another excellent avenue for growth. Attaining one of the AAHAM certifications ensures we remain informed about best practices and compliance issues in revenue cycle management. AAHAM offers a variety of certifications, representing a valuable investment in both our personal and professional development. I am eager to hear your thoughts on how we can foster growth within our Chapter! Please feel free to share your ideas with me. This organization belongs to you, and I am here to support you. Together, we can work towards a successful Chapter.

I look forward to seeing you at our conferences! Hawkeye AAHAM is committed to meeting the needs of our membership, providing information that is useful to you and your organization.

Warm regards,

Kema Davis, CRCP
President, Iowa Hawkeye AAHAM Chapter
Billing Manager, Mom's Meals

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Hawkeye Chapter 2025

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2025 AAHAM Membership Dues Renewal

If you have not yet renewed for 2025, renew today!

Please contact the AAHAM National Office if you would like more information. If you did not receive an electronic copy of your invoice, please contact David Grimm at dgrimm@aaaham.org or 856-380-6934

Why Join AAHAM?

Get the career edge you need for less than a dollar a day

There are a number of organizations that focus on the financial side of the healthcare industry. But there is only one national organization dedicated solely to the revenue cycle of both management and the front-line staff: AAHAM.

Reach out to experts for real time answers

As a member of AAHAM, you have the ability to reach out to your local AAHAM Chapter as well as over 30 more across the U.S. to speak to revenue cycle experts about the challenges you face every day.

No other healthcare financial organization gives you the career-boosting power to network with the best-informed revenue cycle professionals and pick their brain about the most important issues in the field.

Build your knowledge base

AAHAM's primary focus is the professional development of its members. In addition to networking opportunities through the local chapters, we offer certification, education and training for staff and managers, publications, conferences and webinars all specifically focused on issues, regulations and guidelines affecting patient accounting matters.

Advanced certification to advance your career

Certification programs in healthcare finance offered by other organizations are non-proctored open-book exams that can be easily passed by industry novices.

AAHAM's elite certification program is based on rigorous examinations that have set the standard in the industry for over 40 years. Earning an AAHAM certification demonstrates a high level of achievement and distinguishes you as a leader and role model in the revenue cycle industry. Time and time again, AAHAM certification has enabled our members to earn significant professional recognition and career advancement with higher pay and benefits.

Who joins AAHAM?

Providers

Staff involved in the revenue cycle of any type of healthcare provider that gets reimbursed by patients, insurance companies or the government will benefit from AAHAM membership. These include:

- Hospitals
- Physician's offices
- Urgent care facilities
- Long-term care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Other providers

Vendors

Staff of companies that provide outsourced services related to the revenue cycle to any type of provider will also benefit from AAHAM membership. These include:

- Consulting companies
- Billing companies
- Collection agencies
- Software/IT companies
- Law firms
- Other outsource vendors

Treasurer's Report

For Period Ending thru 2/28/2025			
BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS:			
Cash in Bank	2/1/2025		\$ 3,672.04
TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 3,672.04
LIABILITIES:			
Payables (pending payments)			-
EQUITY			
			-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			\$ 3,672.04
REVENUES: OPERATING STATEMENT			
SPONSOR FEES			3,964.61
CERTIFICATION FEES			
REGISTRATIONS SPRING			
REGISTRATION FALL			
DONATIONS			
OTHER REVENUE			
SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (SPRING)			
SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (FALL)			
TOTAL REVENUE			\$ 3,964.61
EXPENSES:			
WEB SITE			
SUBSCRIPTION FEES (GO TO MEETING)			
SPRING CONFERENCE SPEAKER FEES			
SPRING CONFERENCE FACILITY FEES			
SPRING CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY FEES			
SUPPLIES/POSTAGE			
CHARITY			
INSURANCE FEES			
PAYPAL FEES			
FALL CONFERENCE SPEAKER FEES			
FALL CONFERENCE HOTEL FEES			
FALL CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY			
ANI EXPENSE			
AAHAM NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DAY (DONATION)			
AAHAM NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DAY EXPENSES			
AAHAM PRESIDENTS MEETING			
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ -
YTD NET INCOME (LOSS)			\$ 3,964.61
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	2/1/2025		\$ 3,672.04
ENDING CASH BALANCE	2/28/2025		\$ 7,636.65
PENDING PAYABLES (will show on next statement)			
PENDING DEPOSITS (will show on next statement)			

Respectfully Submitted: Barb

Leininger, Treasurer

The activities and success of our chapter could not be possible without the support of our Corporate Sponsors. Their continued support and engagement within the chapter certainly adds to the strength of our chapter by allowing us to provide quality educational opportunities and outstanding networking events for the benefit of our membership.

If you are an existing Corporate Sponsor, we appreciate your past and continued support of our chapter.

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If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor, please contact Nate Johnson at natejohnson@creditoradvocates.com or visit our website <https://hawkeyeaham.org/sponsorship-information/>

Don't forget to update your contact information.

If you've recently had a change to your personal contact information, please let AAHAM know. If we aren't able to contact you, we can't keep you informed of all the great benefits AAHAM has to offer. So, please keep in mind as your life changes, let us know how to reach you.

To update your AAHAM Records please contact Chad Breidenbach, Membership Chair by calling 605-336-9490, or by emailing him at chadb@thehauggroup.com



2025 Certification Schedule

Exam Period April 21 - 25, 2025

Exam Period May 19 - 23, 2025

Find the full 2025 Certification Schedule at www.aaham.org

Certification Committee Report

Congratulations to those that passed their AAHAM Certification Exams!

Certification Date: Jan-Dec 2024

Total: 21 individuals passed

- o 19 CRCS
- o 1 CRCP

- o 1 CCT

Members Certified:

- o 5 CRCE
- o 10 CRCP
- o 153 CRCS
- o 2 CRIP
- o 3 CCT

Submitted By: Barb Leininger





Upcoming 2025 AAHAM Events and Webinars

March 20, 2025

MAPAM Revenue Cycle Webinar

April 14-17, 2025

AAHAM's 20th Annual Legislative Day

May 1-2, 2025

Hawkeye AAHAM Spring Conference 2025-Johnston, IA

September 11-12, 2025

Hawkeye AAHAM Fall Conference 2025-Johnston, IA

For additional upcoming events and to register today visit!
www.hawkeyeaaham.org

Hawkeye AAHAM Chapter Website

Visit our website for members at www.hawkeyeaaham.org. The site includes:

Chapter Officers and Board Members
Upcoming Events/Calendar of Events
Chapter Bylaws Sponsor Information

Membership information
Link to the National AAHAM Website and more.....!

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