

Hawkeye Highlights

Hawkeye Chapter of AAHAM

Fall 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.

I always enjoyed the old wives tale for farmer's about Iowa sweet corn - 'knee high by the 4th of July.' This however also meant the year was already half over and as a kid growing up in Iowa my summer vacation days were numbered! Saying this simply as acknowledgement, that I hope you have been able to enjoy all that summer provides. Either more time with family and friends, taking time for an adventure near or far, or simply catching a beautiful Iowa sunrise or sunset! While it's hard to believe we are quickly looking to turn the page on all the summer activities and brace for another busy fall!

You may also be at the midway point in workflows, budget discussions for 2026 starting to take more weight and consideration. Looking ahead or starting to outline how you or your team will be navigating changes in the coming year. It's a great time to reflect on KPI's for a mid-year averages and make necessary adjustments to realign achievement in the needs of the company.

Our AAHAM fall chapter conference is right around the corner, and we are working to finalize the agenda and bring you engaging information to lead teams into 2026! If you have relatable topics, you would like highlighted in this conference or future topics, I encourage you to reach out to board members and share those requests. We always strive to bring presentations, ideas that help us that are relatable or assist our members in the day-to-day workflows. We look forward to seeing you all September 11th & 12th in Johnston! Final touches and agenda will be sent in the coming weeks as well as registration being turned on for the event.

We are also excited to promote the ANI fall conference this fall and hope to see our local chapter represented. The conference will be held in Baltimore, MD October 20-22nd! Registration for this event is currently live please see the AAHAM website for more details.

Sincerely,

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@aaHAM.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.

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

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.

Treasurer's Report

HAWKEYE CHAPTER AAHAM TREASURER'S REPORT For Period Ending thru 7/31/2025					
BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS:					
Cash in Bank	7/1/2025			\$	8,912.44
TOTAL ASSETS				\$	8,912.44
LIABILITIES:					
Payables (pending payments)					-
EQUITY					
					-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				\$	8,912.44
OPERATING STATEMENT					
REVENUES:					
SPONSOR FEES					
CERTIFICATION FEES					
REGISTRATIONS SPRING					
REGISTRATION FALL					
CLOVER ADDITIONAL CHARGES					
DONATIONS					
OTHER REVENUE					
SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (SPRING)					
SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (FALL)					
TOTAL REVENUE				\$	-
EXPENSES:					
WEB SITE					
SUBSCRIPTION FEES (GO TO MEETING)					
SPRING CONFERENCE SPEAKER FEES					
SPRING CONFERENCE FACILITY FEES					
SPRING CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY FEES					463.42
SUPPLIES/POSTAGE					
CHARITY					
INSURANCE FEES					1,054.00
PAYPAL FEES					
CLOVER FEES					
MIDWEST ONE FOR CLOVER 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				\$	1,517.42
YTD NET INCOME (LOSS)				\$	(1,517.42)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	7/1/2025			\$	8,912.44
ENDING CASH BALANCE	7/31/2025			\$	7,395.02
PENDING PAYABLES (will show on next statement)				WEBSITE	\$ 180.00
PENDING DEPOSITS (will show on next statement)					

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb Leininger, Treasurer

The Iowa Hawkeye Chapter wishes to extend their gratitude to our Corporate Sponsors

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



Upcoming 2025 AAHAM Events and Webinars

August 19, 2025

Summer of Certification - CRCP - Credit & Collections

August 20, 2025

Summer of Certification - CRCP - Revenue Cycle Management

August 27, 2025

Navigating Medical Debt: Trends and Strategic Responses Across Healthcare

October 20 - 22, 2025

AAHAM 2025 Annual National Institute

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www.hawkeyeaaham.org

Hawkeye AAHAM Chapter Website

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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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