

# Hawkeye Highlights

Hawkeye Chapter of AAHAM

Winter 2026



## Message from the President . . .

### 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.

Looking ahead or starting to outline how you or your team will be navigating changes this 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.

As our regular AAHAM Spring chapter conference time approaches, we are working to finalize the agenda and bring you engaging information to lead teams for 2026!

If you have topics, you would like highlighted in this conference or future topics, we encourage you to reach out to board members and share those requests. We always strive to bring presentations, ideas that help us that are relateable or assist our members in the day-to-day workflows. Final date(s) and agenda will be forthcoming.

Stay Warm!

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# Hawkeye Chapter

## 2026

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# 2026 AAHAM Membership Dues Renewal

If you have not yet renewed for 2026, 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](mailto: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

<b>HAWKEYE CHAPTER AAHAM TREASURER'S REPORT For Period Ending thru 2/28/2026</b>			
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash in Bank	2/1/2026		5,234.82
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$ 5,234.82</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Payables (pending payments)			-
<b>EQUITY</b>			
			-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			<b>\$ 5,234.82</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		<b>OPERATING STATEMENT</b>	
	SPONSOR FEES		
	CERTIFICATION FEES		
	REGISTRATIONS SPRING		
	REGISTRATION FALL		
	DONATIONS		
	OTHER REVENUE		
	SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (SPRING)		
	SPONSOR FEES - BOOTH (FALL)		
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
	WEB SITE		
	SUBSCRIPTION FEES (GO TO MEETING)		
	SPRING CONFERENCE SPEAKER FEES		
	SPRING CONFERENCE FACILITY FEES		
	SPRING CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY FEES		
	SUPPLIES/POSTAGE		
	CHARITY		
	INSURANCE FEES		
	Clover Fees		59.95
	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		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 59.95</b>
<b>YTD NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>			<b>\$ (59.95)</b>
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	2/1/2026		\$ 2,234.82
ENDING CASH BALANCE	2/28/2026		\$ 2,174.87
PENDING PAYABLES (will show on next statement)			
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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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](mailto:chadb@thehauggroup.com)



## 2026 AAHAM Events and Webinars

Fall Conference - September 17-18, 2026

Annual National Institute October 18-21, 2026  
Philadelphia, PA.

For additional upcoming events and to register today visit!

[www.hawkeyeaaham.org](http://www.hawkeyeaaham.org)

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

Membership information  
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