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Welcome To AAHAM Spring Conference,

Enjoy beautiful Hammock Beach Resort and a great education program Winning Strategies and Trends. We hope you enjoy our full program and the serenity of this beautiful coast. Most of your meals will be provided as noted on the agenda. Be sure to check out the Corporate Partner section of our material and thank them for their support. Our low cost programs are made possible by working together to make AAHAM a great organization.

We will be conducting a business meeting on Wednesday morning and giving you the latest information available throughout our program. We also are sponsoring a great high school education scholarship the Teany Scholarship Fund. There will be raffle tickets sold to help raise funds for the scholarship fund. This is a great cause to help deserving students pursue healthcare careers. There will be drawings on Thursday night during our reception.

AAHAM Florida Sunshine Chapter ended 2016 with 353 national members. We are the second largest AAHAM chapter! Remember to keep your higher level certifications you must be a national member; go to www.aaham.org to renew on line now. Please see the **national update** in next Florida newsletter edition- latest from our mid-January meeting. But don't miss the latest info- our national President John Currier will be here speaking.

AAHAM is a great organization for all membership types. Student membership is free this year, just meet the AAHAM National qualifications and join. The organization is open to all people in healthcare RCM related fields. Share this information with your team members in college. Share it with your favorite college.

In January we had two great educational workshops, one at UF Health in Jacksonville and one at Lee Health in Cape Coral. Great feedback from attendees. We bring education to your team members you supply the meeting space and we educate. Contact claire.lester@baycare.org for information on future events throughout Florida.

The AAHAM Conference CEU Credit hours total 30. What a great way to get education and keep your certification current. Check out my article in our latest national newsletter on how to get AAHAM Certification levels approved for tuition assistance by your company. The AAHAM Certification Program is making exciting changes this year; the CRCE, CRCP, CRIP training webinars will be provided free on the dates advertised by national AAHAM. AAHAM realizes that encouraging new talent to achieve these certifications is essential. We see many of our senior workforce retiring. Just think how many knowledgeable people you will need in the next two years.

The educational sessions are full of great material including updates on National AAHAM, activities in DC, lots of RCM education, and Leg Day. We will have some interactive programs so read over the agenda. So you are prepared. This is your conference too and audience communication is important. The presentations will be loaded on our website after the conference for future reference. You will get an electronic evaluation be sure to respond to that next week.

Go with us on Legislative Day to Washington 5/1 to 5/2/17 as we visit congressional offices. AAHAM members are supporting a Medicare Observation Reform bill-a great patient and provider cause. As your Chapter President I am working on this committee to coordinate our annual visit and work on written materials. We are working with Senators and a coalition of other organizations including AARP on this reform. Get involved be heard; we need observation reform, how Medicare goes influences the other payers. See www.aaham.org for more Legislative Day details.

An AAHAM video composed by chapter members was released last month, we will be showing it during this conference, please share it with friends and colleagues. We are a great networking group. We offer timely and



valuable education for all levels of RCM teams. If you have any questions feel free to contact the AAHAM Board Members. We are committed to helping each other in AAHAM. Paying it forward one step at a time.

Remember renew your membership and certified members check your CEU's on the national web site. You need a certain amount of CEU's from AAHAM and then other CEU's can come from outside education resources. Please don't let your certification lapse it is important to stay current. Some certifications are not calendar year check now!

And be sure to join us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Your AAHAM Board of Directors and I are here for our members. So if you have needs or concerns while here please let us know. And after the conference we are available by phone or e-mail. This year promises to be a year of change let us help you make sense and keep ahead with winning strategies and trends.

Paying it forward!

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