



President's Message

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Hello AAHAM Members,

We are off to a busy start in 2017. AAHAM Florida Sunshine Chapter ended 2016 with 353 national members which is great. 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** also in this e-mail- latest from our mid-January meeting.

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.

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 cliare.lester@baycare.org for information.

Our next educational conference Winning Strategies and Trends is in Palm Coast just north of Daytona Beach on 3/8 to 3/10/17. Go to this link to register. <http://www.floridaaaham.com/index.html> at Hammock Beach Resort. Don't miss this great venue on golden Cinnamon Beach and the great golf courses there. The AAHAM CEU Credit hours total 29 great way to get education and keep your certification current.

The educational program is full of great material including updates on National AAHAM, activities in DC, and Leg Day. Go with us on Leg Day to Washington 5/1 to 5/2/17 as we visit congressional offices. On Leg Day we 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 help write materials. We are working with a whole coalition of other organizations including AARP on this reform.

AAHAM Certification is also making 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. My employer supports and recognizes AAHAM Certifications as a valuable education and certification resource. See my upcoming article in the AAHAM National Journal on certification recognition by your employer.

An AAHAM video composed by chapter members is coming, 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.

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