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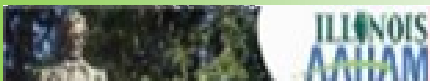
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We appreciate each of our members and corporate sponsors. The IL AAHAM would not and could not exist without you!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Haydon
CCT
IL Chapter President

Welcome Friends!

Your dedicated IL AAHAM Board of Directors is excited to provide you with educational content, advocacy, certification opportunities and networking events throughout 2023! Our sincere appreciation to our [2023 Corporate Partners](#), we could not provide affordable quality education to our membership without you. If you are a speaker or have a topic you want to learn more about in 2023, please submit your suggestion [here](#). Our goal is to provide relevant education to all, ensuring your program continues to grow.

Along with our monthly virtual webinars, we plan to host a variety of networking events from tours to coffee hours and happy hours. We understand the need to engage in person, our next opportunity is coming up. We look forward to seeing you in May for IL AAHAM's Inaugural State Legislative event. [Register today](#) and meet with legislators on key topics and how they impact healthcare. BOLO for pop up networking events throughout the year!

IL AAHAM is committed to meeting the needs of our membership, providing information in a convenient format that is cost effective. After we see you in May for our first ever State Legislative Event, summer and fall conferences will be virtual followed by our Annual State Institute in East Peoria. All event details will be distributed as they are available and you can stay current on the [IL AAHAM website](#).

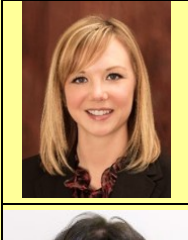
Planning events and the day to day management of this chapter is a lot of work, we could not do it without our volunteers! If you are interested in becoming part of a committee, please email ilaaham1@gmail.com.

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IL AAHAM Chapter President

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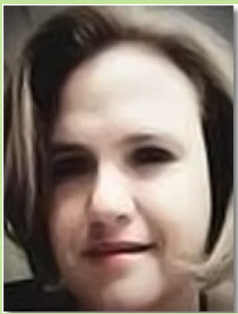
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Upcoming IL AAHAM Events



IL AAHAM State Legislative Day Thursday, May 11, 2023

Come join us as we meet with Legislators regarding key topics and how they impact healthcare today. Our primary topic will focus on Medicaid Rate Increases (SB 1763) and our secondary topic will highlight Nurse Licensing (SB 041).

Hotel room blocks expire on May 10th.

Click on the link below to get started!

REGISTER NOW

SAVE THE DATES...

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Board Meeting in Springfield, IL

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Spring Conference in Springfield, IL

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Summer Conference

Thursday, August 17, 2023

11:30—12:30 (CST)

Engaging All Revenue Cycle Departments in Denial
Prevention—Webinar

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Fall Conference

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Board Meeting

Wednesday & Thursday, December 6 & 7, 2023

Annual State Institute

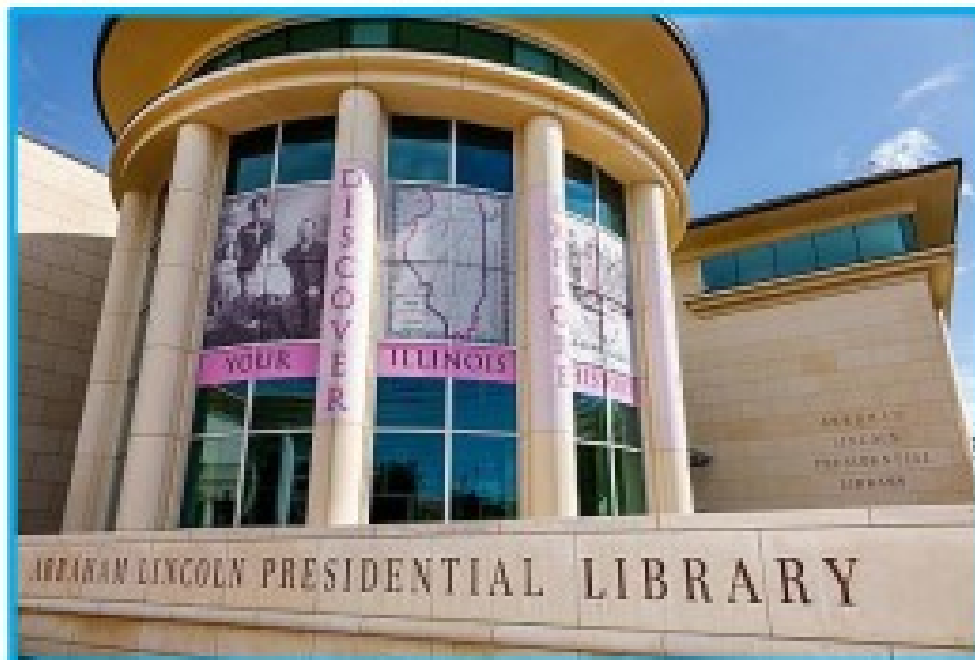




The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals

IL AAHAM State Legislative Day

Thursday, May 11, 2023



212 N 6th St., Springfield, IL 62701

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum documents the life of the 16th U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln, and the course of the American Civil War. Combining traditional scholarship with 21st-century showmanship techniques, the museum ranks as one of the most visited presidential libraries

Hotel Block: For Wednesday May 10th-\$119.00

Presidential Abraham Lincoln Springfield

A DoubleTree by Hilton

701 E Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701

217-544-8800 (Code: ILAAHAM)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/illinoisamericanassnham/>

Room Block Expires on May 10th

Registration

Members \$75.00,

Non-Members \$100.00

Students- Free

Thursday, May 11, 2023

8:00am-9:00am

**Registration and Breakfast
ALPLM**

9:00am-10:00am

**Legislative Action Preparation
Jordan Powell
SVP Health Policy and Finance**

Healthcare advocate and strategist with personal and professional goal of improving health outcomes and lives of individuals and communities. Utilize versatile experience to assist executives and clients navigate the complexities of healthcare and local, state and national politics. Effective coalition builder adept at managed care, public/private insurance, healthcare integration, reimbursement, operations, government affairs and negotiations

10:00am-10:15am

12 Minute Walk from ALPLM to State Capitol

10:15am-11:45am

Legislative Action

Meet with Legislators regarding key topics and how they impact healthcare today. Our primary topic will focus on Medicaid Rate Increases (SB 1763) and our secondary topic will highlight Nurse Licensing (SB 041).



11:45am-noon

12 Minute Walk from State Capitol to ALPLM

noon-1:00pm

Lunch

Recognition of First Time Attendees & Corporate Sponsors

1:00pm-2:00pm

Legislative Action Debrief

Marcus Morrow and CJ Tonozzi

Mr. Morrow serves as a litigation attorney in the Chicago office of SAC. He represents healthcare providers in arbitrations, mediations, and state and federal court proceedings against health plans, insurance companies and the government and is licensed in twelve states, including his home state of Illinois. While attending Loyola University Chicago Law School, Mr. Morrow was a Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy Fellow and earned a Certificate in Health Law and Policy. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors and advocates on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association's Illinois Chapter and is the ad-hoc legal counsel for AAHAM's Illinois Chapter and serves on the board of Directors for the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys.

Mr. Tonozzi joined the Ministry Compliance, Audit and Risk Management team in January, 2015 specializing in Revenue Cycle Compliance. Mr. Tonozzi joined the OSF family in 2002 and prior to joining the Compliance team served as a Financial Counselor, Eastern Region Patient Financial Services Manager, Ministry Patient & Support Services Manager and Regional Compliance Specialist for OSF Eastern Region. Mr. Tonozzi currently serves on the executive board of the Illinois chapter of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM), as the chapter 2nd Vice President. Mr. Tonozzi attended Illinois Valley Community and Logan Colleges and is a Certified Compliance Technician (CCT) and Certified Revenue Cycle Specialist (CRCS) through AAHAM.

2:00pm-2:30pm

Break and Self-Tour

Afternoon Snack

2:30pm-3:30pm

IHA Current Initiatives & Legislatives Wrap Up

Cassie Yarbrough, IHA Senior Director

3:30pm

Adjourn

13 AAHAM CEU's will be earned for this meeting.

Directions

From Springfield's Clear Lake Avenue Exit: Proceed West on Clear Lake. Clear Lake will turn into Jefferson Street (one way West). The Museum Bus Drop Off is located on the North side of Jefferson between Sixth and Seventh Street.

From Chicago, take I-55 South to the West Clear Lake Avenue Exit.

From Champaign, take I-72 West. Proceed to IL-97/West Clear Lave Avenue.

From St. Louis, take I-55 North to West Clear Lave Avenue Exit.

From Jacksonville, take I-36 East to I-55 North. Proceed to West Clear Lave Avenue Exit.

From Indianapolis, take I-74 West to I-72 West. Proceed to IL-97/West Clear Lake Avenue.

From Peoria, take I-74 East to I-155 South to I-55 South. Proceed to West Clear Lake Avenue Exit.

From Des Moines, take I-80 East to I-74 East. Proceed to I-155 South to I-55 South. Proceed to West Clear Lake Avenue Exit.

From Kankakee, take I-57 South to I-72 West. Proceed to IL-97/West Clear Lake Avenue.

Parking

Please note your breakfast and conference will be in the Library building which is located across the street from the Museum (in the block south of the Museum). The Museum garage is located on Sixth Street between Madison and Mason Streets with the entrance on the west side of Sixth Street. Sixth Street is a one-way street going north. The garage is one block north and just west of the Library. If AAHAM will be paying for the parking, please bring in to the Library the parking ticket you receive when you enter the garage, you will be given a validation stamp to use for the day, the guests leave by giving the attendant the validated ticket.





5 Trends to Look for in Healthcare

Cost Transparency

By Paul Ketchel, CEO of MDSave 03/23/2023

Over two years have passed since the [hospital price transparency rule](#) was enacted. Unfortunately, America still struggles with high, painfully opaque pricing across healthcare that hurts employers, workers, patients, and taxpayers. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced that in 2021, the nation spent [\\$4.3 trillion](#) on healthcare, nearly twice the average of other nations in the developed world. Noncompliance and price gouging still exist in a market where consumers are easily blindsided by costs revealed only after care is rendered.

A recent study found only 16 percent of hospitals nationwide comply with [price transparency guidelines](#). At the same time, 100 million Americans find themselves in healthcare debt. Consumers have difficulty planning for medical expenses because many hospitals are still not clearly publishing their pricing information in an easy-to-understand format for most people.

Unfortunately, facilities aren't incentivized to publish this information, nor is there large-scale accountability for non-compliance. To date, only two hospitals in the United States, out of thousands, have been fined for non-compliance. This suggests little recourse for inaction. Unsurprisingly, the two hospitals that were penalized made significant improvements: both resolved their transparency issues and brought their pricing into compliance.

Simultaneously, a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll revealed that 95 percent of Americans want policymakers to prioritize better healthcare pricing transparency.

With policy in place and overwhelming public support, why isn't price transparency the norm?

As we pass the two-year anniversary of the federal price transparency rule and enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, I foresee five trends emerging in the industry. These involve industry adaptation, consumer behaviors, payer practices, and an overall refreshed focus on the patient experience.

Trend #1: The industry will be navigating new rules and regulations

Hospital price transparency has been out of step with the American public's expectations and priorities for years. As of January 1, 2023, payers must provide [online price estimator tools](#) for patients; those out of compliance will face [steeper penalties](#) than before. According to America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), many commercial insurers—up to 94% of them—are already providing such tools. But they must be comprehensive by 2024, covering all services and prescription drugs.

Another [rule that recently went into effect](#) requires hospitals to publicly disclose both in-network negotiated rates and out-of-network negotiated amounts via "machine-readable files." While this is another step toward the transparency today's consumers expect, these files tend to be complex, making them hard to translate into actionable information. There's no doubt that hospitals and health systems will continue to struggle this year to make such data accessible to the public, along with the online tools I have mentioned.

I expect 2023 to include learning and adapting to what “the new normal” continues to look like. There is uncertainty and flux in the healthcare landscape, and it is going to be key for stakeholder organizations to be able to identify and respond to the changes that are happening. We need to consider: what information needs disclosure, what are the processes for publicizing such data, and how much of it is readily available for consumers? Providers and payers alike will be working on conceptualizing and implementing these new rules over the coming months.

Trend #2: Healthcare shopping and consumerism will grow in popularity

Whether they are looking to buy a new television, airfare, or a dozen eggs, consumers are in the habit of shopping around and comparing prices. As price transparency opens the healthcare marketplace, many people will begin shopping for healthcare services and procedures the same way they do for other products and services. [75% of consumers](#) consider healthcare decisions to be the most important and costly ones they make. Unfortunately, healthcare price prediction can be difficult, if not impossible—[four out of five](#) people find comparing costs challenging. And because the average American consumer today does not have an additional \$500 available for emergency expenses, many will defer care not knowing what to expect, likely leading to more costly future health events and further driving costs upward.

Price transparency means more patients can pursue and plan financially for the care they need. With patients more engaged in their care, we may see a workforce comprised of healthier employees—resulting in [lower costs for employers](#). Healthcare consumerism will continue gaining momentum as people grow more confident in identifying prices and comparing costs.

Trend #3: Patient experience will become a greater industry focus

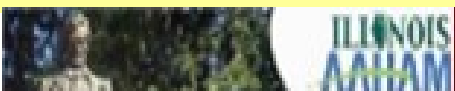
Part of the patient experience includes their [billing experience](#). People who know the cost of a medical procedure ahead of time are more likely to be able to plan accordingly to avoid debt and are [more likely to pay](#) their medical bills promptly. In a healthcare market where consumers are more informed and exercise more agency overall, I expect the industry focus to sharpen toward this aspect of the patient experience. While customer experience is the driving force in other service industries, healthcare veterans and newcomers will compete in the marketplace for consumer loyalty.

Healthcare consumerism has plenty to do with cost and accessibility. But it also relates to a facility’s [net promoter score](#) and overall patient satisfaction. Patients who play a more active role in shopping for care may also yield a stronger, more favorable opinion after services are rendered. New market entrants and industry disruptors will compete against established providers to offer competitively-priced care that exceeds patient expectations.

Trend #4: Employers look for cost predictability

[Sixty-five percent of U.S. employees](#) have insurance coverage through employer self-funded plans. As a result of price transparency rules, more and more employers will be looking to directly partner with providers to manage their healthcare spend. The hope is that by partnering with providers, businesses can bring down the cost of health care for themselves and their employees. This direct relationship will also give businesses more visibility and predictability in managing the cost of care their employees receive. This is a challenging task, but one becoming more and more necessary in the current climate.

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Trend #5: Increased advantages for cash-pay patients

Lastly, we know participants in high-deductible health plans (HDHPs) can [save on out-of-pocket costs](#) by circumventing their insurance and paying a reduced, upfront cash price for services. Because these reduced prices must now be published, I expect to see consumers taking advantage of them with more regularity. The [number of Americans participating in HDHPs](#) is on the rise, and with a substantial gap to cover before their plans begin coverage, many look for alternatives to billing through insurance when a discount is available.

These trends are not new in 2023. They have been gaining traction in the marketplace for some time now. The convergence of transparency rule deadlines, firmer penalties for non-compliance, and consumer behaviors are sure to drive all five of these trends forward in the coming twelve months. One response from providers and insurance companies alike should include consumer-friendly, easy-to-use online price comparison tools. Not only will this be a consumer expectation in the coming months and years, but these kinds of tools will drive value for the companies that offer them proactively.



About Paul Ketchel

Paul Ketchel is President and Chief Executive Officer of [MDsave Inc.](#) Mr. Ketchel has over 10 years of combined experience in the healthcare industry. Mr. Ketchel is the founder of MDsave, Inc., which is the world's first healthcare marketplace. The value MDsave brings distinguishes it from all other companies in the Healthcare Technology space. MDsave provides healthcare systems a bridge to transparency without jeopardizing their managed care contracts.

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Scholarship

Are you an active IL AAHAM member? Have you been an IL AAHAM member for at least one year? Do you have a child or grandchild looking to apply for scholarships to help pay for their furthering education?

If you answered yes to the questions above, applying for an IL AAHAM Scholarship may be able to help.

Application deadline is June 30, 2023.

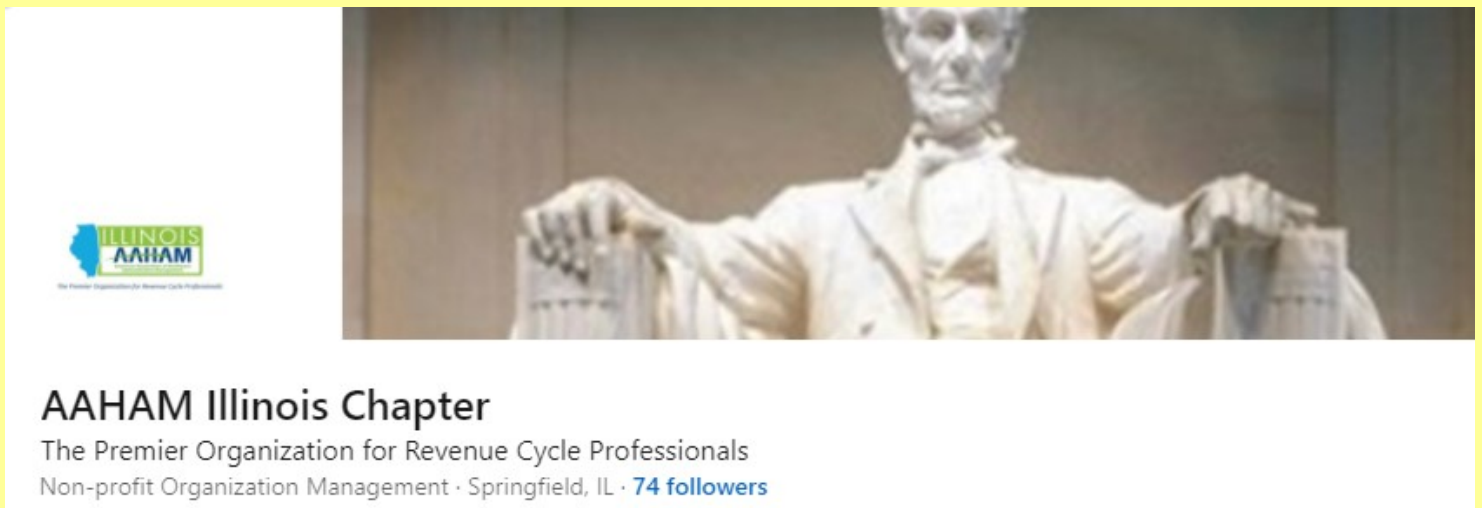
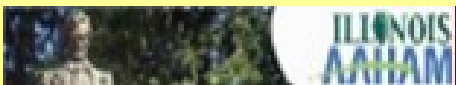
Review all requirements and additional information [here](#).

A copy of the application can be found [here](#).



Follow Us

The Illinois AAHAM chapter has created a new company page on LinkedIn! If you haven't already make sure to follow us, AAHAM Illinois Chapter. Click on the icon below and search for the AAHAM Illinois Chapter to join us today!

This block shows a screenshot of the AAHAM Illinois Chapter's LinkedIn profile. On the left is the AAHAM logo, which includes a green outline of the state of Illinois and the text 'ILLINOIS AAHAM' with the tagline 'The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals' below it. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a statue of Abraham Lincoln. Below the banner, the profile name 'AAHAM Illinois Chapter' is displayed in bold, followed by the tagline 'The Premier Organization for Revenue Cycle Professionals' and the location 'Non-profit Organization Management · Springfield, IL · 74 followers'.

Job Postings

Do you need to post an opening with your company?
We offer online position posting. For more information email
contactus@illinoisaham.com.

Are you looking for a job?
Take a look at the new postings [here](#).



AAHAM Certification

- The world is changing and so are we...

2021 is off to a fast start with AAHAM certification, and we are excited to announce two significant enhancements to our certification program! **AAHAM will now offer all of our certification exams on a monthly basis, enabling our test takers to have more flexible scheduling options to become certified when the time is right for them. All certification exams will now be offered on the third week of each month.** The new certification exam calendar and registration links are available at <https://www.aaham.org/Certification.aspx>

The certification exams will continue to be delivered either remotely online through ProctorU, or with a local in-person proctor. We will work with examinees to assist in making the necessary proctoring arrangements for their exams. All exam registrations will need to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the scheduled exam date, and there are no changes to the exam registration fees. **The 30-day registration deadline now applies to both new exams and section retakes**, offering a faster track to becoming certified for those who are ready to take an exam for the first time. For further details, please visit <https://www.aaham.org/Certification.aspx>.

Digital Study Guides

As noted recently in the AAHAM Journal, we are also thrilled to announce that we will be offering digital versions of all of the AAHAM certification study guides to purchase starting on April 1st.

This new format has been highly requested, and we are excited to make this format available along with the enhanced features that it provides. The digital study guides will have the same content of the traditional hard-copy books, with additional flexibility that the digital format offers. Whether you prefer to view the study guide on a tablet, phone, or web browser, we have you covered with this new interactive option. Here are some of the digital study guide features at-a-glance:

- Flexibility to access and explore content on any device, from anywhere - even when offline.
- Content is delivered via the free Mimeo Digital app, which is available in all app stores, as well as any web browser.
- Interactive, user-friendly format enables features like taking notes, adding bookmarks, and more, all synced across your devices and stored in the cloud.
- The integrity of content is upheld in the digital format, with advanced security features that prevent unauthorized sharing or printing of the materials.

If you still prefer the traditional hard-copy books, there's no need to worry, they will also be available to purchase instead of the new digital option.

Providing more flexibility with AAHAM's certification training and testing has been a core focus of our certification committee's work over the past year. The future is bright with AAHAM certification, as we look forward to continuing to provide our industry-leading certifications and education in ways that can fit into anyone's busy schedule.

Upcoming Testing Dates

April 17-21

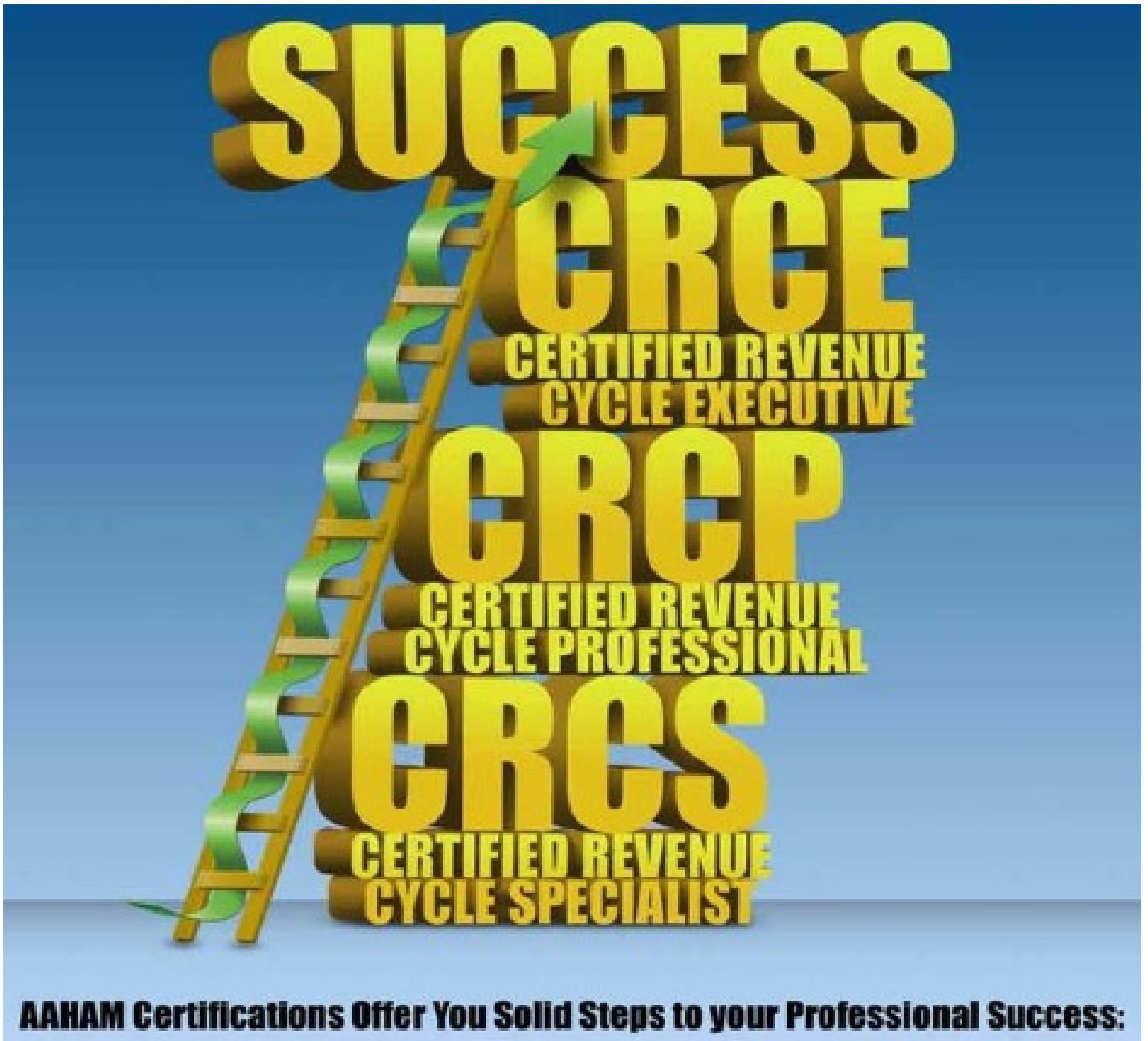
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June 19-23

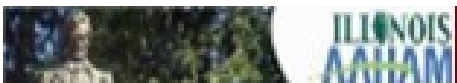
Please remember to register at least 30 days prior to the testing period.

[REGISTER HERE](#)





AAHAM's Certifications are your ladder to success!



NEW CERTIFICATIONS

Get yourself certified so you can join us in our certification picture at ASI next year!





It's time to renew your Membership and Illinois AAHAM has a new offering for the 2023 Membership year!

We recognize and understand the financial impact most are experiencing both personally and professionally due to COVID-19.

The Illinois Chapter of AAHAM is offering a State-only Membership level. This Membership level allows you to join the Illinois chapter without having to join or renew at the National association level. Illinois AAHAM State-only members may upgrade their membership to the National level at any time throughout the calendar year, should they seek National level benefits.



Which Membership is right for me you ask?

State: The fee to become an Illinois Chapter member is \$30.00. If you join any time prior to October 1st membership will become effective that calendar year. If you join after October 1st, membership will become effective the remaining of that year and the following calendar year.

National: The fee to become a National AAHAM member is \$209. If you join in July, the dues are \$160 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$250 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. *We also offer [payment plans](#) to help ease the dues burden.*

Student:

Full Time Student Membership: **Students taking at least 12 credit hours per semester can join for free.** You must submit proof of your full time status with this application. Student members receive the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for professional or executive levels of certification, eligibility for the member scholarships, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings.

Part Time Student Membership: The part time student membership fee is \$50. If you join in July, the dues are \$35 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$65 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. **To qualify for the part time student membership you must currently be taking between 6-11 credit hours per semester and submit proof with this application.** Student members receive all the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for executive and professional certification, eligibility for the member scholarships, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings.

Retired: **There is no longer a fee for retired members!** To qualify for retired membership, an individual must be an AAHAM member who has retired from healthcare. Retired members receive all benefits of membership with the exception of voting.



Click [here](#) for more information!

2022/2023 National Membership Application

Name		Title	
Employer Name		Email Address	
Address <input type="checkbox"/> Work			
City	State	Zip	Country
Work Phone	Cell Phone	Secondary Email Address	Local Chapter
Address <input type="checkbox"/> Home			
City	State	Zip	Country

Membership Categories and Rates

* Local chapter dues may vary

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP - The fee to become a National AAHAM member is \$209. If you join in July, the dues are \$160 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$250 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year.

We also offer payment plans to help ease the dues burden. Please contact the AAHAM National Office if you would like more information.

FULL TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - Students taking at least 12 credit hours per semester can join for free. You must submit proof of your full time status with this application. Student members receive the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for professional or executive levels of certification, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board meetings. If you are applying as a **Full Time Student Member**, please [click here to join online or download the correct membership application.](#)

PART TIME STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - The part time student membership fee is \$50. If you join in July, the dues are \$35 for the rest of the current year. If you join between August 1st and November 30th, the fee is \$65 for the rest of the current year and all of the following year. **To qualify for the part time student membership you must currently be taking between 6-11 credit hours per semester and submit proof with this application.** Student members receive all the benefits of membership with the exception of voting, eligibility for executive and professional certification, and cannot be a proxy for a chapter president at any national board

AAHAM would like your consent to contact you through your cell phone in order to provide you with updates, notifications, and other information pertinent to your membership.

I hereby expressly grant my consent to AAHAM to contact me through the cell phone number provided herein.

You may subsequently withdraw this consent by contacting:
AAHAM Membership Department
11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: (703) 281-4043 Email: moayad@aaaham.org

I do not grant consent to AAHAM to contact me through my cell phone.

If referred by AAHAM member, please give their name:

Payment Method:

Check/Money Order (Make Payable to AAHAM)

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Card Number: _____

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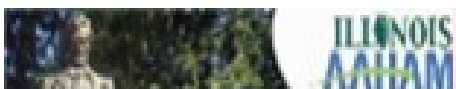
NATIONAL DUES: _____

LOCAL DUES: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please allow two weeks for processing after your application is received at the national office. Dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be as a business expense. Approximately 4% of your annual dues are used for lobbying activities and are non-deductible.

Please note: AAHAM's membership year is from January to December, it is not anniversary based. Membership is on an individual, not institutional, basis and is non-transferable.





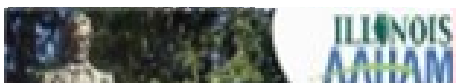
Local Chapters

AAHAM has over 30 chapters throughout the US and India. Local chapters offer you more opportunities for education and networking. Local chapters offer you more opportunities for education and networking, and offer both in person and webinar educational opportunities. In addition, local chapters offer a great opportunity to obtain an industry leading healthcare certification which provides exceptional value to students when seeking employment in the healthcare field. Please see the listing of local chapters below to help you decide which chapter you should belong to along with your national membership.

Name of Chapter	Geographic Location	Chapter Dues	Please Check the Appropriate Codes in Each Category Below
Nebraska Aksarben #01	Nebraska	\$0.00	Years in Healthcare: <input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 25+ Certification: <input type="checkbox"/> CHAM (NAHAM) <input type="checkbox"/> CHFP (HFMA) <input type="checkbox"/> FHFMA (HFMA) <input type="checkbox"/> CHCS (ACA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) Employer Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Billing <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Outsourcing <input type="checkbox"/> Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Software/IT <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor/Corporate Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) Position: <input type="checkbox"/> CFO <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Access Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Partner, Principal, Owner <input type="checkbox"/> PFS Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor/Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)
Florida Sunshine #03	Florida	\$40.00	
Carolina #04	North & South Carolina	\$30.00	
Minnesota Gopher #06	Minnesota	\$40.00	
Iowa Hawkeye #07	Iowa	\$0.00	
Missouri Hawthorn #08	Missouri	\$45.00	
Illinois #09	Illinois	\$30.00	
Washington Inland Empire #10	Washington State, East of the Mountains	\$0.00	
Pennsylvania Keystone #11	Central Pennsylvania	\$25.00	
Maryland #13	Maryland	\$30.00	
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Ohio Western Reserve #18	Ohio	\$0.00	
Colorado Rocky Mountain #21	Colorado	\$30.00	
Maine Pine Tree #22	Maine	\$25.00	
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Georgia #33	Georgia	\$45.00	
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Texas Bluebonnet #40	Texas	\$50.00	
Indiana #42	Indiana	\$25.00	
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Tennessee Music City #53	Tennessee	\$35.00	
Vermont & New Hampshire Twin States #56	Vermont & New Hampshire	\$25.00	
Massachusetts #57	Massachusetts	\$85.00	

Please allow two weeks for processing after your application is received at the national office. Dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be as a business expense. Approximately 4% of your annual dues are used for lobbying activities and are non-deductible.

Please note: AAHAM's membership year is from January to December, it is not anniversary based. Membership is on an individual, not institutional, basis and is non-transferable.



Illinois AAHAM – Application for Membership

American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name		Date	
Mailing Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	
City		State	Zip
Daytime Phone (with area code)	Fax Number (with area code)	E-mail Address (please print clearly)	
Employer Name		Your Title	
Local Chapter Name: ILLINOIS # 09		Referred by AAHAM Member (Give Name):	
Are you a member of a different chapter? If Yes please list all.			National Member? Y/N

I affirm that the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge and I agree to abide by the Illinois AAHAM Code of Ethics and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. I understand that the information I have provided in this application will be distributed to Illinois and National AAHAM members, but without my express consent will not otherwise be disclosed or distributed.

SIGNATURE

DATE

MEMBERSHIP: The fee to become a State member is **\$30.00**. If you join anytime prior to October 1 membership will become effective that calendar year. If you join after September 30 membership will become effective the remainder of the year and the following calendar year.

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- Please allow 2 weeks for processing once your application is received.
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Return application and check made payable to **Illinois AAHAM** to:

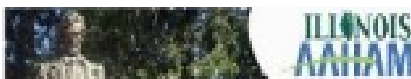
Paula Short
216 Rebecca Lane
Normal, IL 61761

Please check the appropriate Certification and/or vendor/provider services in each category below

Certification

If a vendor/insurer please check all services your company provides

<input type="checkbox"/> CRCE <input type="checkbox"/> CRCP <input type="checkbox"/> CRCS <input type="checkbox"/> CRIP <input type="checkbox"/> CCT <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bad Debt Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Billing/Claims/Insurance Billing/Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Biometrics <input type="checkbox"/> Coding <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting <input type="checkbox"/> Denials Management/Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Early Out Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Insurer <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> MA Eligibility/Social Security Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting <input type="checkbox"/> Self Pay Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Software/Systems <input type="checkbox"/> MA Provider Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> Underpayment Review/Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ _____
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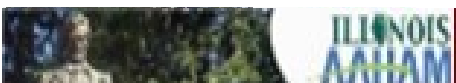
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- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to the AAHAM's Annual National Institute (ANI)** known for excellence in education, value and networking. (Save \$100 off your ANI registration for being a member.)
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- **Exclusive invitation and pricing to National and Illinois AAHAM Webinars** (\$25 member savings for every Illinois AAHAM webinar. \$50 in yearly savings if you attend 2 Illinois AAHAM webinars.)
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What is American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management? (AAHAM)

AAHAM is one of the predominant organizations providing educational and professional development for revenue cycle professionals in Illinois. Our membership includes professionals from patient financial services/revenue cycle specialists, clinical managers, administrators, chief financial officers, consultants and a variety of other professionals in related fields. All of our meetings provide our membership an opportunity to learn, network among colleagues and earn continuing education credits.

Illinois AAHAM conducts several educational conferences each year. Each spring and summer our chapter presents one full day of educational meetings. In the fall, our education session is coupled with the annual Charles Garvin Memorial Event. The Annual State Institute (ASI), held in December, is spread over a day and half and includes a vendor tradeshow.

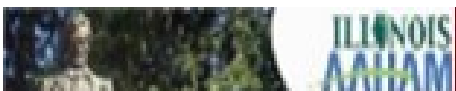
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We believe participation in the IL AAHAM Sponsorship Program should be an integral part of your company's marketing program. Please contact Meaghan Coward at moward@beconhealthsystem.org or Vanessa Haydon at vhaydon@revecore.com or send an e-mail to ilaaham1@gmail.com to discuss your company's sponsorship opportunities!

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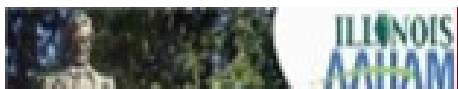
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- One (1) "new" AAHAM membership which can be given to any non-member **Illinois Provider** – National and state dues for current year. New member registration must be submitted by March 31st of the calendar year
- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
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- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
- Full-page ad in each quarterly issue of the award winning **Lincoln Log** newsletter
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- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
- ½ page ad in each quarterly issue of the award winning **Lincoln Log** newsletter
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SILVER (\$750)

- Two (2) complimentary meeting registrations that can be used by a sponsor representative OR given to any non-member Illinois provider. (excludes ASI)
- Complimentary participation in 'Vendor Speed Dating' event
- Sponsor poster displayed at every educational meeting
- Sponsor identification on representative's meeting name badge(s)
- Recognition during our Annual State Institute (ASI) meeting
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****Please submit a current copy of your company's logo or small ad that you would like to have included in our Lincoln Log publication. We will size to the correct specifications according to sponsorship level.****
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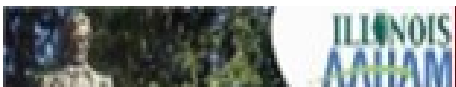
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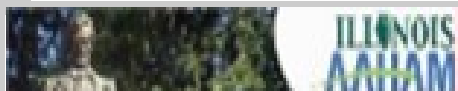
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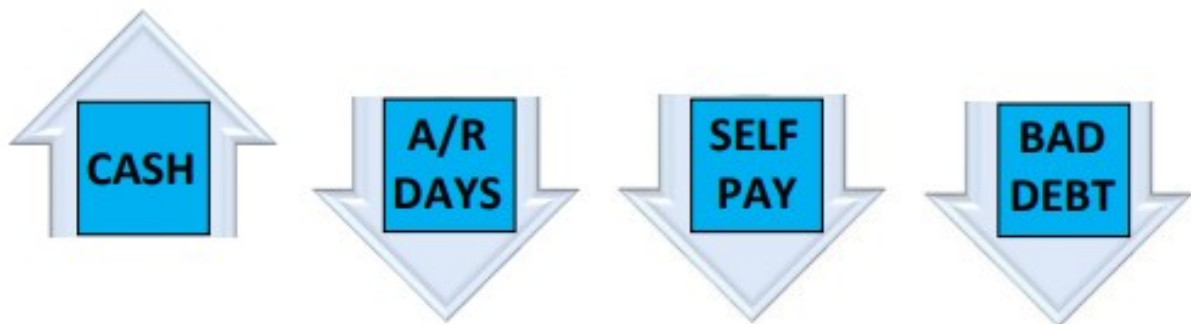
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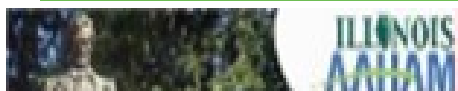
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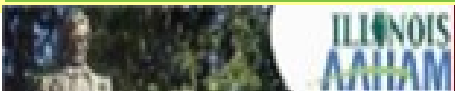
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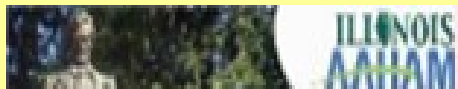
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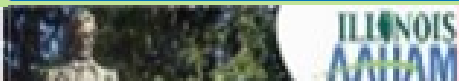
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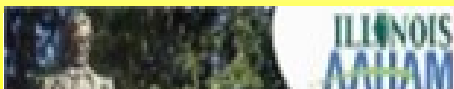
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (CASH BASIS)	
For the period of: <u>12/1/2022</u> to <u>12/31/2022</u>	
INCOME	Checking
ASI REGISTRATION - CHECK	1,150.00
ASI REGISTRATION - CC	800.00
ASI CHARITY AUCTION - CHECK (12/19/22 DEPOSIT)	2,220.00
ASI BOOTH - CHECK	700.00
FALL VIRUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - CHECK	250.00
AMAZON REFUND	24.07
2023 CORP PARTNER SPONSORSHIP	1,650.00
VENMO ACTIVATION TEST	0.39
CERTIFICATION EXAM REBATE FROM NATIONAL (CRCS 15X5)	75.00
ASI CHARITY COLLECTIONS VENMO	779.98
ASI CHARITY COLLECTIONS CHECK	200.00
INTEREST	1.46
TOTAL INCOME	7,850.90
EXPENSES	
MERCHANT FEES - WE PAY	137.94
DC - CONSTANT CONT	87.81
ASI ENTERTAINMENT EXTREME SOUNDS CHECK 1550	489.67
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ASI HOLIDAY INN CHECK 1554	14,142.89
ASI CHARITY CHECK 1551	3,000.00
VENMO ACTIVATION CREDIT	0.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,281.05
NET INCOME/LOSS	-13,430.15
BANK BALANCE BEGINNING OF PERIOD:	\$68,408.80
DECEMBER CHECKS OUTSTANDING 1555 CASINO	\$1,723.00
BANK BALANCE END OF PERIOD	\$54,978.65
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