



AAMAS Conference 2018

April 24-27, 2018

Little America Hotel
500 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

DRAFT AGENDA

This is a draft agenda and is subject to change.
Additional details will be added as they become available.

Session descriptions are subject to change pending CEU approval

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Pre-Conference Workshop (Preconference sessions risks being cancelled if not enough people register by March 17)

7:00 am – 8:00 am	Pre-Conference Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<p>Workshop 1 – Evaluation & Management Auditing BootCamp Training Shannon DeConda, CPC, CPC-I, CEMC, CPMA, CRTT, Partner with Doctors Management, LLC and President of NAMAS</p> <p>Attendees will receive a full day of in-depth E&M auditing education. Over the course of the program, our instructor will break down each component of E&M auditing and provide a deeper understanding of each area, and bring to light the grey areas and how you can best approach these areas in your day to day operations.</p>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch on own, Pre-Conference Registration
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Workshop 2 – Advanced Medical Audit Mary Jane LaBelle, RN, BSN, CMAS, President ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc. . David Eklof, CMAS, AAMAS President, ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc. .</p> <p>This is an advanced course in auditing designed with participants having some elemental experience in Medical Financial Auditing. Expanding the participants tools in how to handle different and or difficult situations</p>
6:00 pm-7:00 pm	<p>CMAS Exam Prep Class Ruth Gahan</p>

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Pre-Conference Workshop (Preconference sessions risks being cancelled if not enough people register by March 17)

7:00 am – 8:30 am	CMAS Exam Registration
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	CMAS Certification Exam
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Workshop 3 – Lessons Learned as a Medical Audit Entrepreneur Sharon Weston, former owner Nurse Audit, LLC Debbie Reid, RN, SA-c, Think Healthcare Solutions</p> <p>Sharon's session offers an opportunity for participants to discover their inner entrepreneur. Sharon Weston was a reluctant entrepreneur at the age of 33 when life circumstances moved</p>

	<p>her to take the leap and start her own health care claims auditing firm. With a borrowed computer, no formal business training, and two small children, Sharon launched Nurse Audit, Inc. which turned out to be her gateway to freedom and self-fulfillment. During this interactive workshop, Sharon will talk about her 23-year journey as a successful business woman. She will share with you some of the pros and cons of business ownership and some of the lessons-learned along the way. You will be inspired to think about your own skills, passions, and business opportunities at end of this workshop!</p> <p>Debbie's session will focus on How to be in business in today's competitive market, and the Business of Auditing.</p>
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Desk Open
1:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Workshop 4 – Introduction to Hospital-Payer Contracts Mary Correa, RN, CMAS</p> <p>During this session, we will discuss</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Common types of hospital contracts 2. Various reimbursement methodology's 3. Impact hospital contracts can have on auditing 4. Impact auditing can have on contractual reimbursement 5. Discuss various reimbursement scenario's and the impact auditing may have 6. Demonstrate pre and post audit adjudication scenarios
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	AAMAS Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 pm	New Member Meet and Greet
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Networking Reception, Diamonds and Denim

Thursday, April 26, 2018	
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
7:00 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 am	<p>AAMAS Welcome – Remarks and Announcements David Eklof, RN, CMAS, AAMAS President, ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc.</p>
8:30 – 10:00 am	<p>General Session Medicaid Fraud and Abuse- Steve Anthony Public Information Officer, Policy and Training Coordinator, Utah Office of Inspector General</p> <p>Overview of the Utah Office of the Inspector General: Overview about the Utah OIG, define and discuss Utah Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse, background of the office, resources and how to help prevent fraud, waste and abuse in the Utah Medicaid program..</p>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Networking Break
10:15 – 11:45 am	<p>General Session Fraud and Pharmaceutical Diversion in Medicare– Special Agent Ashley Collins, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General</p> <p>This presentation will cover the mission of Health and Human Services OIG, different</p>

<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</p> <p>1:00 – 2:15 pm</p>	<p>types of fraud, current fraud trends, and the current opioid epidemic and HHS OIG's focus on mitigating the epidemic.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Breakout 1 EMTALA-Treat or Transfer: Tyson Horrocks is a shareholder with Fabian VanCott practicing commercial litigation and employment law. He earned his law degree from The George Washington School of Law where he graduated with honors.</p> <p>This session will cover a broad array of issues impacting hospitals, physicians, practitioners, nurses, and other health professionals under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act ("EMTALA"). We will address who is covered by the EMTALA, obligations arising under the EMTALA, complaints arising under the EMTALA, potential liability under the EMTALA, and protections provided to health care professionals.</p> <p>Breakout 2 Telehealth and the Related Billing Issues - Deb LaMarche, Program Director and P.I., Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center, Katie Brown, MBA, CPC, CPC-I, Manager, Revenue Integrity University Medical Billing, University of Utah Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of telehealth • Telehealth reimbursement policy for federal, state, and commercial payers • Billing system set up for an academic medical center • Telehealth billing considerations
<p>2:15 – 2:30 pm</p> <p>2:30 – 3:45 pm</p>	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>Breakout 3 Auditing Medical Bills in Workers Comp - Allison Morfitt, Medical Audit Supervisor, Susan Mismar COC, CCS-P, Medical Audit Specialist, SAIF</p> <p>Allison has nearly 20 years' experience in a variety of roles in insurance and government. Currently she works for SAIF Corporation, the Oregon's publicly chartered workers' compensation insurer where she supervises the medical auditing program. Susan has over 30 years' experience in medical billing and medical auditing. She has worked for SAIF Corporation for over 27 years in the medical audit unit. Get a better understanding of auditing medical bills for workers injured on the job. This training will be presented from an Oregon insurer's perspective.</p> <p>Breakout 4 Forging New Territory: Building a Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) Query Audit - Michelle Nuckles, RHIT, Manager Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI) & IP Coding, University of Utah Hospital</p> <p>Share University of Utah Health's journey to create a well-defined and objective process to monitor and evaluate the compliance of CDI/Coding queries, and to develop staff knowledge where gaps were identified. We will present our initiatives to assess and improve the skill-sets of the query writers, ensuring queries contain valid and appropriate clinical indicators and treatment, are not leading in nature, are grammatically sound / look professional, and include appropriate and code-able query options. We also wanted to create a consistent look and feel to all queries, and worked to create</p>

3:45 – 4:00 pm	standardization amongst query writers. We will communicate our wins, challenges, and lessons learned, and encourage an interactive Q&A where audience members will be invited to share their facilities experience with any query audit activity. Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	AAMAS Business Meeting
6:00 pm- 9:00 pm	Hogle Zoo Dinner (Transportation Included)

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Desk Open
7:00 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 am	Closing General Session – Remarks and Announcements David Eklof, CMAS, AAMAS President, ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc.
8:30 – 10:00 am	General Session with Keynote Speaker Top Audit Findings with Charge Capture- Audit Results & Lost Revenue Found- Day Egusquiza, President, AR Systems This Operational focused class will provide top lost revenue areas from auditors. Compliance risks along with documentation requirements are included. Department head ownership is the key!
10:00 – 10:15 am	Networking Break
10:15 – 11:30 am	General Session Attacking Managed Care Denials-Challenges and Lessons Learned - Day Egusquiza, President, AR Systems Health Care providers are being bombarded with the ongoing DRG downgrades, Inpatient vs Observation, disputed and readmission denials. Learn strategies being used by hospitals- including contracting, Physician Advisors, and other ongoing updates.
11:30 am – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 2:00 pm	Breakout 5 Inpatient Rehab Facilities-Auditing to Avoid Non-Compliance - Katie Stanford, Audit Manager, Managed Resources, Inc. Terese Van Hout of Managed Resources, Inc Staying in compliance with ever-changing IRF CMS regulations is a formidable task. The risks of non-compliance include loss of revenue, take backs of already realized revenue and loss of a positive reputation in the health care community. A continuous compliance audit program involving IRF staff and Revenue Cycle, and internal or external auditors can minimize risk. In this session, we will discuss- Risks of Non-Compliance IRF Regulations and Trends Designing an IRF Compliance Program Involvement of Clinical and Revenue Cycle Staff Audit Tools and Tracking
	Breakout 6

	<p>ED Coding, Physician Billing of Observation Status and HCGs - Janice R. Noller, RHIA, CDIP, CCS University of Utah Hospital</p> <p>The areas of ED coding, Observation Status and HCCs are constantly changing in a healthcare world that is changing in so many ways. It is certainly hard to keep up! This session will cover some of the basic changes going on in these areas and how the participants can keep up and help educate those on the front lines of these specific areas of healthcare such as physicians and coders.</p> <p>2:00 – 2:15 pm Networking Break</p> <p>2:15 – 4:00 pm Breakout 7 Auditing Issues: Real Time Discussions - David Eklof, CMAS, AAMAS President, ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc.</p> <p>This moderated breakout session is designed for the audience to participate in an interactive exchange between it's members discussing issues found in our practice and possible solutions to resolve them.</p> <p>4:00 to 4:15 pm Closing/Evaluations</p>
Saturday, May 6, 2017	
<p>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>AAMAS Board of Directors Meeting</p>