



# 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	<b>Pre-Conference Registration</b>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Workshop 1 – Evaluation &amp; Management Auditing BootCamp Training</b> 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&amp;M auditing education. Over the course of the program, our instructor will break down each component of E&amp;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	<b>Lunch on own, Pre-Conference Registration</b>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p><b>Workshop 2 – Advanced Medical Audit</b> 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><b>CMAS Exam Prep Class</b> 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	<b>CMAS Exam Registration</b>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>CMAS Certification Exam</b>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Workshop 3 – Lessons Learned as a Medical Audit Entrepreneur <u>CANCELLED</u></b> 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>





	invited to share their facilities experience with any query audit activity.
<b>3:45 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>4:00 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>AAMAS Business Meeting</b>
<b>6:00 pm- 9:00 pm</b>	<b>Hogle Zoo Dinner (Transportation Included)</b>

## Friday, April 27, 2018

<b>7:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>
<b>7:00 – 8:00 am</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Closing General Session – Remarks and Announcements</b> David Eklof, CMAS, AAMAS President, ESCALATE Medical Financial Consulting, Inc.
<b>8:30 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>General Session with Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Top Audit Findings with Charge Capture- Audit Results &amp; Lost Revenue Found-</b> 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!
<b>10:00 – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:30 am</b>	<b>General Session</b> <b>Attacking Managed Care Denials-Challenges and Lessons Learned - Day</b> 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.
<b>11:30 am – 12:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:45 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Breakout 5</b>  <b>Inpatient Rehab Facilities-Auditing to Avoid Non-Compliance</b> - 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
	<b>Breakout 6</b>

	<p><b>ED Coding, Physician Billing of Observation Status and HCGs</b> - 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><b>2:00 – 2:15 pm</b>      <b>Networking Break</b></p> <p><b>2:15 – 4:00 pm</b>      <b>Breakout 7</b>  <b>Auditing Issues: Real Time Discussions</b> - 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><b>4:00 to 4:15 pm</b>      <b>Closing/Evaluations</b></p>
<b>Saturday, May 6, 2017</b>	
<p><b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>AAMAS Board of Directors Meeting</b></p>