

## Definition of a Certified Medical Assistant

Medical assistants are the only allied health professionals specifically trained to work in ambulatory settings, such as physicians' offices, clinics and group practices. These multiskilled personnel can perform administrative and clinical procedures. Physicians value this unique versatility more and more, as managed care compels them to contain costs and manage human resources efficiently. Not surprisingly, the demand for medical assistants is expanding rapidly.

What sets the CMA (AAMA) apart among medical assistants is the certification. A medical assistant first earns the CMA (AAMA) credential by passing a rigorous examination that requires a thorough, broad and current understanding of health care delivery.

Then, the CMA (AAMA) must renew the credential every 60 months. This means keeping abreast of new developments in the health care delivery field by participating in approved continuing education study programs, reading authoritative texts, and networking with other medical assistants who are certified. Health care delivery is changing every day. The CMA (AAMA) keeps changing with it.

The CMA (AAMA) credential is offered by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) - the only medical assisting organization granted Official Observer Status to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates. The National Board of Medical Examiners - responsible for many national examinations for physicians - serves as test consultant for the CMA (AAMA) Certification/Recertification Examination. As a result, the reliability and validity of the CMA (AAMA) credential is of the highest order.

The recertification requirement can be met by examination or through continuing education. Current certified status is required in order to use the CMA (AAMA) credential in connection with employment.

Please contact the AAMA for more information at [info@aama-ntl.org](mailto:info@aama-ntl.org).

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## 2017 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Affiliate of American  
Association of Medical  
Assistants



April 22 & 23, 2017  
North Pole Lions Club  
Eyeglass Recycling &  
Vision Center  
2925 Newby Road

North Pole, AK

**Saturday**  
**April 22, 2017**

**Sunday**  
**April 23, 2017**

**6.5 CEU's pending AAMA approval**

**4.5 CEU's pending AAMA approval**

**Registration Form**

8:00am-8:30am **Registration & Breakfast**

9:30am-10:00am **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30am-9:45am

**Marisa Hopper, MPH, BSN, RN**  
**Survey of Public Health**

10:00am-11:30am

**Bruce Footit, MD**  
**The Importance of Screening Colonoscopy**

9:45am-10:00am **Break**

11:30am-11:45am **Break**

10:00am-11:15am

**Ashley May, ND**  
**Techniques & Supplements for the**  
**Treatment of Injuries & Conditions.**

11:45pm-1:00pm

**Lunch with Monica Case, CMA (AAMA)**  
**AAMA National Representative**  
**Lunch Provided**

11:15am-11:30am **Break**

1:00pm-2:30pm

**Luke Wetzel, EMT-3, CphT**  
**All about the Alaska Comfort One Program**

11:30am-12:30pm

**Claire Banks, RN, BSN, CDE**  
**The Balanced Diet: Debunking the Diabetes**  
**Diet Myths.**

2:30pm-2:45pm **Break**

12:30-1:30pm **AMAS Annual Meeting**  
**Lunch Provided**

2:45pm-4:15pm

**Angel Casiano**  
**Elder Care Coordination**

1:30pm-2:30pm

**Theresa Salzman, Past President NP Lions**  
**Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Center Services**  
**& Tour**

**\*Everyone is welcome to attend the**  
**Officer Installation. Hors d'oeuvres &**  
**Desserts will be provided.**

2:30pm-2:45pm **Break**

**\*Join us immediately after the**  
**Officer Installation for a Paint Night Party.**  
**\$35.00 per person - limited to 20 people.**  
**Pay paint instructor separately.**  
**Eat, network, have fun, and take home a**  
**beautiful painting made by you!!**

2:45pm-4:00pm

**Vanessa Johnson, Organizational**  
**Developmental Specialist**  
**Emotional Intelligence & Courageous**  
**Conversations.**

4:00pm-6:00pm **Break**

**\*6:00pm-9:00pm AMAS Officer Installation &**  
**Paint Night: paid separately—limit 20 people**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Both days	150.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Saturday Only	85.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Sunday Only	60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonmember Both days	225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonmember Saturday Only	135.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonmember Sunday Only	120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Both Days	45.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Saturday Only	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Sunday Only	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	*AMAS Officer Installation & Paint Night (paid separately—limit 20)	35.00

*Name*

*Member ID # for CEUs*

*Address*

*Phone*

*E-mail*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10**

There are several hotels located in Fairbanks and one the North Pole area. For questions regarding lodging, please feel free to contact Tami Leroux

Make check payable to **AMAS** and remit to:  
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