

## 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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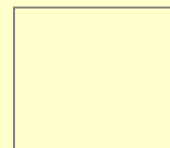


Affiliate of  
American Association of  
Medical Assistants  
Presents

## 2022 Annual Conference

April 2 - 3, 2022

205 East Benson Blvd  
inside the Northern Trust Real Estate building  
Anchorage, Alaska



## Saturday April 2, 2022

8:15 - 8:30 am **Registration and Coffee**  
8:30 - 8:35 am **Welcome**

8:40 - 8:55 am  
**Vice-Speaker AAMA House of Delegates**  
Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA), PCMH CCE

9:00 - 11:00 am  
**Leadership in our Current Times**  
Cathy LeCompte, MA

11:00 - 11:10 am **Break**

11:15 - 12:15 pm  
**All Teach, All Learn**  
Jessica Harvill, MPH

12:15 - 1:25 pm **AMAS Annual Meeting**  
Lunch provided

1:30 - 3:00 pm  
**Providing Culturally Competent Nutrition in Alaska**  
Melissa Chulpach, RD

3:00 - 3:10 pm **Break**

3:15 - 4:45 pm  
**Medical Coding and Office Revenue Cycle**  
Tricia Tuttle, BS, MM, CPC, CPB, CRC, CPC-I

6:00 pm **AMAS No Host Dinner**  
Location: TBD

## Sunday April 3, 2022

8:30 - 8:40 am **Registration and Coffee**

8:45 - 10:15 am  
**What is Cancer and How Does Advanced Cancer Cause Symptoms and Death**  
Sarah Dunn, MSN, AGPNP

10:15 - 10:25 am **Break**

10:30 - 12:30 pm  
**Neuropsychology Testing and Evaluation**  
Rachel Woods, PhD

12:30 - 12:55 pm **Networking with Aimee**  
Lunch provided

1:00 - 2:30 pm  
**Healthcare for our Community's Refugees**  
Issa Spatrisano, BA, MEd

2:30 - 2:40 pm **Break**

2:45 - 3:45 pm  
**Tobacco and E-cigarette Cessation**  
Christy Knight, BA

**12 CEUs pending AAMA approval**

*Our out of town guests, may make their own hotel arrangements.*

## Registration Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member both days        | 75.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Saturday only    | 40.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Sunday only      | 35.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember both days     | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember Saturday only | 60.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember Sunday only   | 50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student both days       | 25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Saturday only   | 15.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Sunday only     | 15.00  |

I will attend: (please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ in person  
(masks req'd.) \_\_\_\_\_ by Zoom

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID # for CEUs \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by: (please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **AMAS** and remit to:  
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Anchorage, AK 99507

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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For any questions please email us at:  
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