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The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) to Hold Annual Legislative Day

Fairfax, VA – The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) www.aaham.org, a professional association, will hold its annual Legislative Day, April 15-16, 2009 at the Liaison on Capitol Hill.

Invited speakers include:

Erik Rasmussen, House Ways & Means Committee;
Rep. Rob Andrews, House Education and Labor Committee;
David Bowen, Deputy Staff Director for Health, Senate HELP Committee;
Amelia Smith, Congressional Affairs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;
Elana Levanthal, Rep. Frank Pallone

“Legislative Day provides a valuable opportunity to meet face to face with our Senators and key leaders to communicate our perspective on healthcare challenges and to request specific action.” said AAHAM President, Laurie Shoaf, CPAM.

“It also provides an excellent forum to hear about the critical healthcare issues that are being addressed in Washington today from prominent speakers. With the Obama administration’s focus on healthcare reform; this is a very significant time for our members to be in Washington” added Shoaf.

AAHAM believes it can offer real solutions to the current problems and plans to address these issues with its members, Congress and the Administration during the Legislative Day event. AAHAM is focusing on four actions they would like Congress to take make to enhance member’s ability to do their jobs, decrease administrative costs and free up dollars to be used to fund some of the Obama initiatives. These four actions are:

1. Establishment of National Payer Identifiers;
2. Mandating the use of a Standard Patient Identification Card;
3. Adding a HIPAA transaction for claim-by-claim acknowledgements;
4. Requiring all payers to have the ability to pay electronically using Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) or Automated Check Handling (ACH) transfers.

“At this critical time it is important for everyone to be heard on their issues and I am very pleased to see AAHAM respond. Healthcare reform is going to be one of the costliest pieces of legislation in our nation’s history and Congress and this Administration need the input of all advocacy groups. AAHAM is planning an aggressive push for solid reforms we believe will make a real difference and save the tax-payers money.” said Paul A. Miller, AAHAM’s Congressional Liaison of Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC.

For more information regarding AAHAM and its programs, please visit www.aaham.org or contact AAHAM, 703-281-4043.

ABOUT AAHAM

The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) is a national professional association of thirty-seven chapters and over 2600 healthcare patient financial services professionals from hospitals, clinics, billing offices, allied vendors, physicians and multi physician groups. AAHAM members direct the activities of the thousands of people who are employed in the healthcare industry.

AAHAM is the preeminent professional organization for revenue cycle professionals and is known for its prestigious certification and educational programs; professional development of its members is one of the primary goals of the association. AAHAM is also recognized for its quarterly journal, *The Journal of Healthcare Administrative Management* and its Annual National Institute, held each fall. AAHAM actively represents the interests of its members through a comprehensive program of legislative and regulatory monitoring and participation in industry groups such as WEDI, ASC X12, NUBC and NUCC.

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