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The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) Annual National Institute Held October 14-16, 2009.

Fairfax, VA – The American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM) www.aaham.org , held its Annual National Institute (ANI), “The Future of Healthcare in a Changing Economy, Everything New Under the Sun”, October 14-16, 2009 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Attendees from across the country attended educational sessions, networked and visited exhibitors to learn about the latest in products and services available to the industry.

“Despite the draw of the beautiful Arizona weather, attendees packed the room to hear to our insightful keynote speakers and take part in the strong educational programs” said President, Laurie A. Shoaf, CPAM. The nearly 500 conference goers included patient account managers, business office personnel, medical billing professionals, medical office managers, patient access managers, coding specialists, compliance officers and hospital chief financial officers.

Keynote speakers included Futurist, Bob Treadway and Connie Merritt, RN, BSN, PHN. Lobbyist Paul Miller of Miller Wenhold, LLC, presented the Institute’s closing session encompassing the direction of healthcare reform and the implications for the future.

Fifty session speakers presented topics in five separate healthcare tracks; Management/Revenue Cycle, Access/Quality Management, Compliance, Leadership/Professional Development and Specialty.

“In light of the economy, we were extremely satisfied with the excellent attendance this year and were pleased to see how continuing education and commitment to our industry is still strong in these times” said AAHAM Executive Director, Sharon Galler, CMP.

New Volunteer Executive Board officers for the 2010-2011 term were announced at the Annual Business meeting on October 12th, prior to the Institute. New officers include:

Chairman of the Board: Robert L. DeBiase, CPAM (Partner, DeBiase & Levine Associates)

President: Laurie A. Shoaf, CPAM (Vice President, IntraNexus, Inc.)

First Vice President: Christine Stottlemyer, CPAM (Director, Patient Accounting, Memorial Hospital, York, PA)

Second Vice President: Victoria DiTomaso, CPAM (System Director, Lee Memorial Hospital)

National Treasurer: John D. Currier, CPAM (PFS Director, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services)

National Secretary: Lori M. Sickelbaugh, CPAM (Director, Patient Business Services, Lexington Memorial Hospital)

“The new executive board contains a talented group of individuals who are well positioned to lead our organization into the future”, President Shoaf said.

For a complete agenda, photos, speaker list and 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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