



Weekly Auditing and Compliance Tip

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Where Will 2018 Take You?

Happy New Year! I hope each of you enjoyed the holiday season and enjoyed some downtime with your families and loved ones. A new year provides opportunity for us to reflect on the activities of the year prior and put a refreshed focus on the year ahead. Many of us make commitments to ourselves for how we will improve in the new year - less stress, more exercise, eating better, more family time, etc. But have you made a commitment to your career path?

Where do you want the new year to take you professionally? Perhaps you have a promotion in mind, or have a goal to earn a new credential or two to solidify your knowledge and become the 'go to' resource in your organization. Or, perhaps you are just looking to spend more time on continuing education to stay relevant in the industry. Wherever your professional resolutions take you, NAMAS can help you get there. We offer a variety of options for professionals such as yourself to grow and achieve your goals in the new year:

1. Membership

NAMAS offers four levels of membership to best suit your individual needs. Through our membership program, members can take



As a NAMAS member, you'll receive access to monthly webinars for CEUs (including those hard to find CPMA CEUs!), a subscription to BC Advantage magazine, discounts on products and NAMAS training events, and much, much more!

We offer 4 membership levels- choose the one that best suits your needs!

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membership program, members can take advantage of the following educational benefits:

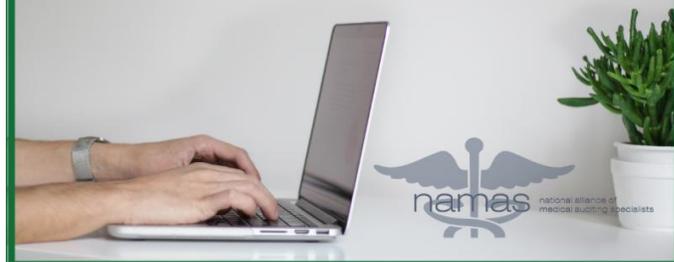
- **Weekly Webinars** Depending upon your membership level, you will have the opportunity to attend anywhere from one to four webinars per month. Our webinars are live, one hour educational sessions presented by hand-picked industry experts and fall into one of the following four educational categories: auditing, compliance, what you need to know, and hands on education. [Click here to view the webinar schedule for 2018 to see what we have in store.](#)

Can't make our live sessions? No worries! Recordings of all our webinar training events are placed within the members-only area of our website following the live broadcast for you to listen to at your convenience, or reference as needed throughout the year.

- **NAMAS Forum** Our online forum provides an avenue for you to pose your questions and conundrums in auditing and compliance to other NAMAS members for their input. The forum is a discussion board in which you can interact with other members and NAMAS staff to get the information you need.
- **Ask the Auditor** There are some cases that are a little more detailed, or questions you just need a more direct answer on. As a NAMAS member, you have the ability to 'Ask the Auditor', submitting your auditing questions to the NAMAS team of auditors and compliance professionals for their input. You can find the Ask the Auditor form within the members only area of the namas website.

If you're not currently a member, we invite you to [explore the benefits of a NAMAS membership](#) and how we can help you in your career. We also offer corporate memberships for groups of 5 or more, and offer flexible payment options to help your budget. Not sure if a membership is right for you? [Give us a try with our 4 Week LITE Free Trial Membership.](#) Over the course of your free trial, you'll get a sample of what a NAMAS membership has to offer, and you'll receive access to our next 4 webinars and earn up to 4 free CEUs!

Train to become a medical auditor during our Medical Auditing BootCamp®



Our **Medical Auditing Bootcamp** will train you to become a medical auditor. Learn the principles of auditing, compliance regulations, and how to perform the daily duties of an auditor.

Our next online session, scheduled as a **5 week LIVE ONLINE Saturday Course** is scheduled to begin on March 10, 2018!

Click Here to Learn More & View Our Medical Auditing BootCamp Schedule



Become a certified E&M auditor at our E&M Auditing BootCamp.

Our **2- Day E&M Auditing Bootcamp** is an accelerated auditing training specific to E&M auditing. Learn about audit policies, get clarity on documentation guidelines, medical decision making, medical necessity and more. Plus, during this training program you will have the opportunity **earn our NEW CREDENTIAL - Certified Evaluation and Management Auditor (CEMA)**!

Our 2-Day E&M BootCamps are scheduled as follows:

January 23 & 24: Knoxville, TN
February 6 & 7: Atlanta, GA
February 13, 15, 20 & 22: Online Evenings (6pm - 9pm EST each session)

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2. Live On-site or Online Boot Camp Training Programs

NAMAS offers two types of bootcamp training programs to help you grow as an auditor:

- **[Medical Auditing BootCamp](#)** New to auditing? Looking to get the knowledge you need to pass the national auditing certification exam? We have just the training program for you! Our Medical Auditing BootCamp will not only help you prepare for the CPMA exam, but will prepare you to work each day as an auditor. Covering topics such as general physician-based auditing, surgical auditing, ancillary auditing, compliance, communicating your audit findings and much more, our bootcamp training program will prepare you for the world of medical auditing.
- **[E&M Auditing BootCamp with CEMA Certification](#)** Whether you're new to E&M auditing or are a seasoned auditor, our E&M Auditing BootCamp will provide you with an in-depth insight into E&M auditing. Our instructors will dissect each piece of E&M auditing and provide you with the information you need to know to successfully audit E&M encounters. And what about those grey areas? We'll address those too, even providing MAC-by-MAC clarification for your most pressing E&M areas. Plus, at the end of the E&M bootcamp, you'll have the opportunity to put your knowledge to work and take our certification exam to earn our newest auditing credential, Certified Evaluation and Management Auditor!

3. Weekly Auditing & Compliance Tips

Each week on Friday, we send our Weekly Auditing & Compliance Tip. Within this email, we feature an article related to the auditing and compliance topics you need to know, written by an industry expert. This email will also highlight upcoming NAMAS webinars, training programs, special offers and other helpful information to help you stay informed. Our Weekly Auditing & Compliance Tips are open to everyone, so feel free to forward this information on to your coworkers and friends!

4. Annual Conference

Our biggest event of the year is our Annual Auditing & Compliance Conference. This event, which takes place in the latter part of each year, is

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Upcoming Webinar Sessions

NAMAS is proud to offer the following webinars in December:

Invasion of the Baby Boomers: Are You Prepared?

**An overview of the services pertinent to our increasing geriatric population
(Auditing Webinar Series)**

Speaker: Sharon Hoglund, CPC, CPMA, CEMC, CEMA
January 9, 2018
2pm EST

MIPS Changes for 2018: What You Need to Know

(What You Need to Know Webinar Series)

Speaker: Grant Huang, CPC, CPMA
January 16, 2018
2pm EST

Benchmarking for Audit Risk (Compliance Webinar Series)

Speaker: Frank Cohen, MPA, MBB
January 23, 2018
2pm EST

History of the E&M Encounter (Hands-on Webinar Series)

Speaker: Stephanie Allard, CPC, CEMA, DUIT

a one of a kind event which offers in-depth educational sessions presented by our hand selected industry experts. We don't just scratch the surface with our education - we provide you with the information you really need to know! Our agenda provides sessions across a variety of tracks so you can select the education that best matches your needs. Over the coming weeks, we will be announcing our 2018 conference specifics such as venue, agenda, and special VIP opportunities. As this information is released, we invite you to join us for a truly unforgettable experience.

Wherever you see yourself in 2018 - NAMAS can help you get there. I wish each of you a safe, happy and prosperous new year!

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NAMAS Calendar of Events

**Mark Your
Calendar!**



Click the image above to view our monthly calendar

Speaker: Stephanie Allard, CPC, CEMA, RHM
January 30, 2018
2pm EST

If you are interested in registering for the webinar above,
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