



Weekly Auditing and Compliance Tip

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NAMAS Announces New Auditing Credential!

At NAMAS, we strive to be the industry expert in auditing and compliance education. Each year, we carefully select our weekly webinar topics, annual conference sessions, and speakers to provide you with the type of training and education you need to succeed in your role. We are excited to share that this drive and determination continues into 2017 as we launch **our newest auditing credential - Certified Evaluation & Management Auditor (CEMA)**.

Beginning in 2016, NAMAS administered a series of E&M focused bootcamp training programs across the country. It was during these bootcamps that we discovered the need for a certification that acknowledges and solidifies one's mastery of E&M auditing. Now, beginning in 2017, auditors can achieve this certification by attending our 2-day E&M Auditing BootCamp training program.

In this audit tip, I will provide details of how you can train for, achieve, and maintain our new auditing credential.

Why a New Credential?

10 years ago, NAMAS created the CPMA credential that is now part of the AAPC's arsenal of certifications, and we remain strong supporters and trainers of this credential. However, what we have heard from our



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training attendees has been the concern that their jobs focus them on E&M auditing only and they have no need to train on all portions of auditing- and therefore they requested a more focused training and certification program.

Additionally, the CEMA may be used as a stepping stone for auditors new to the field. E&M is one of the most onerous areas to audit, and having a focused course dedicated to auditing just these services will be a solid foundation for any auditor in healthcare.

The Bootcamp

Beginning in 2017, our E&M Auditing BootCamp will be extended to 2 days. During the first day, you will receive a full day of E&M - focused instruction. We will discuss elements such as documentation guidelines, history of the encounter, medical necessity, medical decision making, audit policy parameters, and more. We'll even discuss the gray areas of E&M auditing that may not always be clear.

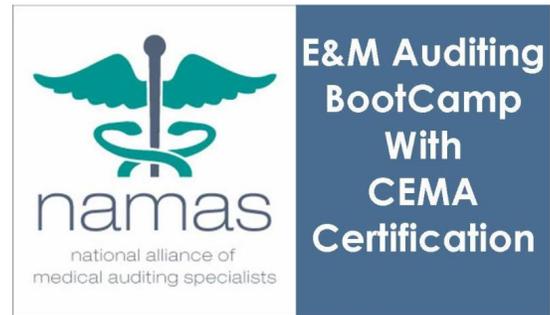
The second day of bootcamp will be split - the first half of the day will be hands on, going through E&M auditing examples so that each bootcamp attendee has a solid understanding of E&M auditing. During the second portion of our bootcamp, we will administer the optional certification test to obtain the Certified Evaluation and Management Auditor (CEMA) credential.

Regardless of if you elect to take the exam, each bootcamp attendee will receive a comprehensive curriculum manual that you may use as a helpful resource after the bootcamp is completed, 12 AAPC CEUs which you may use toward your current coding or auditing credential(s), and a 1 year NAMAS membership. Through your NAMAS membership, you will be provided access to monthly webinars to earn additional CEUs, a subscription to BCAdvantage magazine, access to our members only area where you can listen to previous NAMAS webinars, a weekly emailed auditing & compliance tip so you can stay on top of the industry's leading news and events, and much, much more!

The Exam

The exam is a timed, 150 question test that must be completed during the 4 hour time limit. The exam includes 10 E&M-based patient encounters that must be audited by the examiner. Each encounter has 15 corresponding multiple choice questions regarding the audited findings. A passing score of 70% is required to earn the Certified Evaluation & Management Auditor (CEMA) credential.

monthly payments of membership dues.



Be Among the First to Earn Our Newest Auditing Credential

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)!**

[Click Here to Learn More & View Our E&M Auditing BootCamp schedule](#)



Train to Become a Medical Auditor with 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.

Upcoming Webinars

During the exam, testers may use the following resources:

- NAMAS Auditing Manuals (either edition)
- CPT Book
- One Audit Tool
- 1995/1997/CMS Guidelines

The following is required to be able to sit for the CEMA exam:

- Must be a current NAMAS Member
- 2 Years of E&M coding/auditing experience
- Attest to reading 1995/1997 Documentation Guidelines within the past 90 days
- Current coding certification is strongly encouraged

** Certain qualification are waived for attendees of the E&M Auditing BootCamp*

Maintaining Your New Credential

Our goal at NAMAS is to make maintaining your certification simple. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are about ensuring application and continuing education in E&M auditing. As a CEMA, you will be asked to submit 12 CEUs per year.

NAMAS will accept the following forms of CEUs:

- Approved NAMAS Training Events
- AHIMA/AAPC CEUs that are specific to auditing and/or E&M services
- CEU Exchange Program: Many organizations require QA of their auditors, and NAMAS views this process as continued education and improvement of your knowledge and skill base to act as CEUs. Full information available on our website soon, but the following guide indicates the exchange rate:

95% Precision Rating= 5 CEUs

90% Precision Rating= 4 CEUs

85% Precision Rating= 3 CEUs

80% Precision Rating= 2 CEUs

<79% Precision Rating= 1 CEU

The mission of NAMAS is to set the standard in auditing and education. Throughout 2017, our goal is to continue that mission by providing our onsite and online Medical Auditing BootCamp program as well as our E&M Auditing BootCamp in conjunction with the Certified E&M Auditor (CEMA) credential.

To learn more about our E&M Auditing BootCamp,

NAMAS is proud to present the following webinars in January



Compliance Resolutions

Speaker: Sean Weiss

January 17, 2017

2pm EST

Hands On: Auditing Inpatient Services

Speaker: Aimee Wilcox

January 24, 2017

2pm EST

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NAMAS Calendar of Events



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2016 Salary Survey

including training schedule, please click here.
I wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead!

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Each year, NAMAS collects data from auditors about their employment as auditors. Please take a few moments to complete our survey. Entering your email address at the end of the survey will enter you into a drawing for a chance to win one of several prizes:
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GRAND PRIZE
is a scholarship to attend our 9th Annual NAMAS Auditing & Compliance Conference!

Click the image above to complete the survey. This survey will close on March 15, 2017 and winners will be selected and contacted by a NAMAS representative.

Too Many Audits Stacking Up?



Let our team help with the backlog & keep you current!

DoctorsManagement & NAMAS employ Senior Management Auditors with no less than 10 years of experience. Our team can perform your audits or offer hands-on assistance to your auditing team.

We are available to assist with:

- Valuation Audits
- Pre-Bill Audits
- Retrospective Audits
- Customized Training

To schedule your audit or training, contact NAMAS at 877-418-5564 or via email at namas@namas.co

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