

## 2025 Conference Recap

This installment of AAMA Update summarizes highlights from the 2025 AAMA Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Many thanks to the Annual Conference Education Committee, the members of the Virginia State Society of Medical Assistants, and the 2024–2025 Annual Conference Committee for a fun and informative event dedicated to medical assisting professionals. ♦

## House Highlights

The House of Delegates elected and reelected officers and trustees. Meet your 2025–2026 Board of Trustees:

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## 2026 Conference

The 2026 AAMA Annual Conference and the celebration of the AAMA's 70th anniversary will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada!

Sept. 14 to 17, 2026

(Monday through Thursday)

Mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable experience at this premier venue, located just 40 minutes from beautiful Lake Tahoe. The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino is the ideal destination to celebrate the AAMA's 70th anniversary! ♦

## An Association of Winners

The AAMA congratulates all the Excel Award winners. You go above and beyond to positively represent the AAMA and the medical assisting profession, and your recognition is well-earned. Visit the "AAMA Excel Awards" webpage to view a full list of winners and read the winning student essay.

Also, congratulations to Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA), for receiving the 2025 AAMA Life Member Award. ♦



## Coming soon to the e-Learning Center:

# Responding to Human Trafficking: The Medical Assistant's Role

In recognition of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the AAMA will be releasing a new course this January, "Identifying and Responding to Human Trafficking: The Medical Assistant's Role," to assist medical assistants with recognizing and responding to human trafficking in the clinical setting.

This course will explore the scourge of human trafficking, who is at risk, how to recognize signs of potential trafficked people, and more. Through modules on communication strategies; laws on human trafficking, reporting, and privacy; and appropriate documentation protocols, medical assistants will gain a nuanced perspective on addressing potential cases of human trafficking in the clinical setting. Additional modules on collaborating with team members and local agencies, using scenario-based role-plays, and recognizing and managing secondary trauma will equip medical assistants with practical, hands-on strategies to help support patients, clinics, and themselves in the fight against human trafficking.

The course will be available for preorder starting Thursday, January 1, and will be released later in the month.

\*AAMA members will receive an exclusive additional 40% discount on purchases of the course in January 2026.

