

# 2020 Spring Newsletter

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## President Update

My mind is racing as I'm trying to sit here and type my message. In the pandemic we are living in, it seems as though this happens from the time I log on (from home!) to the time I log off, and then in between sometimes too, as I'm sure it does for you too! I want to take a minute to thank everyone for their role in this disaster! We're all having to work differently in these crazy times and still figure out ways to keep ourselves and our family healthy and sane!

I have heard so many stories and witnessed people coming together to get through this time of crisis. Now is not a time to be bickering about things, but just doing what we can to help put our facilities in a position to help take care of patients with this virus.

The MAMSS Board made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Conference and we can't thank you enough for all the support! As a non-profit, it was very scary to cancel our biggest event of the year. The Crowne Plaza and our speakers have been amazing to work with and in the end, it was absolutely the right decision.

But I assure you, MAMSS will continue to live on! I am dedicated to giving our members the latest news and updates on this pandemic and ways credentialing has been impacted. Please watch your email for updates or feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Stay healthy,  
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MAMSS President

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## COVID-19

NAMSS has put together a great resource page to answer any questions you may have about COVID-19 and credentialing. Check it out here!

<https://www.namss.org/COVID-19>



## 2020 MAMSS Spring Conference – *Chart Your Course*



Due to the growing concerns around the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and Governor Walz' Stay at Home Order, the MAMSS Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for April 16-17, 2020. As a Board, we are evaluating and planning our next steps moving forward in order to be able to continue to provide educational opportunities to our members. Please stay tuned for more information around educational opportunities.

For more information regarding Minnesota's State Legislation response to this outbreak, please follow this [link](#). For more information regarding COVID-19, including how to protect yourself and your loved ones please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

As always, we are here for you to answer any questions you may have regarding MAMSS and future educational opportunities. Feel free to reach out to either myself at [Michaela.Jackson@childrensmn.org](mailto:Michaela.Jackson@childrensmn.org) or Stefanie Frank at [Sfrank@hutchhealth.com](mailto:Sfrank@hutchhealth.com). We'd also like to offer some encouraging words during these challenging times. We want to encourage all of our members to practice social distancing, stay home if/when you can, and keep yourselves and your families healthy. We are in this together!

## Website Updates

### Upcoming Regional Meetings

**Central Region:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 (Time and place TBD)

**Metro Region:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM @ Children's Business Campus, Edina, MN (Web-ex also available)

**Northern Region:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 (Time and place TBD)

*"Our Winter Region Meeting on January 24, 2020 at Fairview Range in Hibbing MN. Due to the weather we had several people who chose the call in option but that seemed to work well. We had an excellent round table discussion about numerous topics. Our Summer Meeting will be July 16, 2020 at Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids, MN."*

**Southern Region:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 9:30 PM – 12 PM (Web-ex ONLY)

*"The Southern Region met in Hutchinson on February 13<sup>th</sup>. We received education on the DHS Provider Portal and watched the How to Take Advantage of Credentialing by Proxy webinar. We had good round table discussion on various topics. Since the MAMSS Spring Conference has been canceled, we will have our next regional meeting in May."*

### Other Upcoming Events:

Do you need CE's for your certification? The Washington chapter (WAMSS) has changed their state conference to virtual and has invited everyone to attend!

Check out the attachments and their website <https://www.wamss.org/annual-conference/> for further details.

Website Updates Continued...

MAMSS Board Meeting

Friday, June 26, 2020 from 9 AM – 11 AM via Web-ex

NAMSS 44<sup>th</sup> Educational Conference & Exhibition

October 3, 2020 – October 7, 2020, Oregon State Convention Center, Portland, OR  
*MAMSS Virtual Conference Information Coming Soon.*

Career Opportunities posted within the last 2 months:

- Credentialing Assistant, PrairieCare – February 2020
- Credentialing Specialist, Midwest Radiology – February 2020
- Credentialing Coordinator, Quality Assurance and Training, HealthPartners – February 2020
- Medical Staff Credentialing Coordinator, Methodist Hospital – February 2020

Discussion Forum Questions posted within the last month:

- Peer Review Software
- Life Support Certification
- Specialists and Covid19 Response
- Fellowship Privileges
- CPCS and CPMSM Exam Materials
- Life Support Certifications
- Social Security Administration Death Master File



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## Certification

We would love to congratulate the below individuals for their amazing achievement of obtaining either the CPCS or CPMSM certification.

**Julie Lor from Fairview Health Services - CPCS**

**Marie Silvers from Children's Minnesota – CPCS**

**Allison Peterson from Allina Health – CPMSM**

Thinking about becoming certified?

- **CPCS:** The Certified Provider Credentialing Specialist (CPCS) is typically employed or contracted by a healthcare organization including, but not limited to, hospitals (health systems), health plans, ambulatory care settings, group practices, and credentialing verification organizations.
- **CPMSM:** The Certified Professional Medical Services Management (CPMSM) is typically employed or contracted by a healthcare organization including, but not limited to, hospitals (health systems), health plans, ambulatory care settings, group practices, or credentialing verification organizations.

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IS NOT NAÏVE.  
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### Certification Continued...

#### Testing Period:

- Summer Testing Period  
Application Deadline – Friday, April 24, 2020  
**Final Application Deadline (with late fee) – Friday, May 15, 2020**  
Testing Period – Saturday, June 20 through Saturday, July 11, 2020
- Fall Testing Period  
Application Deadline – Friday, April 24, 2020  
**Final Application Deadline (with late fee) – Friday, May 15, 2020**  
Testing Period – Saturday, June 20 through Saturday, July 11, 2020

*With the ongoing COVID-19 national emergency, NAMSS recognizes that many testing centers are closing and cancelling examinations scheduled during our spring testing window from March 23 – April 11. If your testing center is closed, you will receive notification directly from Scantron. You can view a list of currently closed testing locations by visiting the [Scantron website](#). This list is being updated daily.*

*For more information about becoming certified, click [here](#).*

## NAMSS Conference Scholarship Winner

Attending this year's NAMSS conference in Philadelphia was such an incredible experience and I owe a big thank you to MAMSS for awarding me the scholarship to attend!

NAMSS brought forth interesting and relevant topics, fantastic speakers, and great opportunities to network with others. Topics ranged from credentialing and privileging, management, provider enrollment, professional development, and everything in between! I chose sessions that I thought applied most to my organization and the current obstacles we are facing as well as sessions that introduced topics that I do not have a lot of knowledge and experience in. No matter what route I went, I learned a great amount of information that I can apply to my work today or apply in the future.

The last day we had a networking breakfast where I met a handful of individuals who are in the same hospital setting as me. Within that hour we discussed a range of topics but mostly discussed current obstacles each of us are facing and hearing about how others navigated through similar situations. It was such a helpful and fantastic way to get advice from people who know and understand your situation.

Overall, it was such an honor and privilege to be awarded the MAMSS scholarship to attend the NAMSS conference. I left the conference feeling an overwhelming amount of support from this strong community of MSP's that come together to support one another and grow together.

Thank you to the MAMSS Board for the opportunity!

Marie Silvers, CPCS





## Referral Program

Refer a friend, co-worker or supervisor and received a \$10 Gift Card to Target, Amazon or BestBuy for EACH new member referral.



**\*\* MUST be a new member to MAMSS with paid membership.**

## Bingo!

Are you looking for a way to spice up all of those virtual meetings with your team over the next couple of months?

**We're on the Web!**

<http://www.namss.org/About/StateAssociationWebsites/MinnesotaAssociationMedicalStaffServices.aspx>

**Check us out on Facebook!**

<http://m.facebook.com/MNassociationofmedicalstaffservices/>

@MNassociationofmedicalstaffservices

**We're on LinkedIn!**

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/18262869/>

### Virtual Bingo

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