

# 2020 Fall Newsletter

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## Lunch N' Learns

Have you signed up for the MAMSS Fall Lunch N Learns? What are you waiting for? MAMSS has lined up three FREE 1-hour, NAMSS CE approved webinars during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2020.

The first session occurs Thursday, October 15 from noon-1pm. Sign up NOW – Grab your lunch and learn with your fellow MSP colleagues.

See the attached brochure or click the links below to register:

Thursday, October 15 – “Telehealth, COVID19 and Beyond” presented by Barb Warstler from The Hardenbergh Group.

Registration Link: <https://www.hardenberghgroup.com/telehealth-webinar>

Thursday, November 12 – “Peer Review: How, Why and When” presented by Sharon Beckwith, MD Review

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bxjPjvMUQbq2PH7DaaO-4w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bxjPjvMUQbq2PH7DaaO-4w)

Thursday, December 10 – “Recruitment, Human Resources, and Credentialing.... We’re all on the same team!” presented by Barb Warstler from The Hardenbergh Group

Registration Link: Check your email or the [MAMSS website](#) for more info coming soon.

## NAMSS Virtual Courses

### Credentialing 101

Get ready to go virtual! This year's Credentialing 101 course will present the foundational elements of credentialing in an acute care (hospital) setting with a primary focus on the CMS regulatory standards and The Joint Commission accreditation standards, as well as how to apply them. Join us from October 12 - November 16 for six online modules and five live instruction sessions. Space is limited, so hurry and secure your spot today!

Week of October 12 - online course work  
 Monday, October 19, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT  
 Monday, October 26, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT  
 Monday, November 2, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT  
 Monday, November 9, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT  
 Monday, November 16, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT

### Provider Enrollment

Sharpen your transformative skills and learn the "who, what, when, where, and why" of provider enrollment and how to maintain, revalidate, and terminate enrollments with our brand new Provider Enrollment course.

Week of October 5 - Provider Enrollment and Delegated Credentialing 101  
 Week of October 12 - Provider Enrollment and Medical Staff Integration: Working Together to Deliver Best Outcomes  
 Week of October 22 - Standards and Regulations Affecting Provider Enrollment  
 Week of October 30 - Getting an "A" in Provider Enrollment  
 Week of November 2 - CAQH and Provider Enrollment  
 Week of November 10 - Provider Enrollment: The Payor Perspective  
 Week of November 16 - Provider Enrollment: Tips and Tricks

### NAMSS Virtual Courses continued...

In this seven-part virtual educational series, you will hear from an industry expert covering all aspects of provider enrollment from roles and responsibilities to how to standardize processes. Join us from October 5 - November 16 to learn the ins-and-outs of provider enrollment. Purchase the entire series or sign up for individual sessions — pick the option that works best for you and your career path. Course sessions must be paid for in-advance and recordings will be available after each session. Space is limited, so hurry and secure your spot today!

## HELP WANTED!

*The Education Committee is seeking additional members who are eager to get their toes wet in the planning process for MAMSS Educational Events.*

*Our meetings occur on a monthly basis and are usually around an hour. We have a lot of fun planning events for MAMSS Members!*

*We encourage you to check us out and see what it's all about! Please contact the Education Committee chairperson, Michaela Jackson at [Michaela.Jackson@ChildrensMN.org](mailto:Michaela.Jackson@ChildrensMN.org) for more information.*



## Website Updates

### Upcoming Regional Meetings

**Central Region:** Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 1pm – 3pm via Webex ONLY  
*“Next meeting will be a webinar with some Q&A time.”*

**Metro Region:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 2pm – 4pm via Webex ONLY

*“The Metro Region had a meeting on July 25. We had great attendance and great discussions. Our next meeting will be dedicated to the topics you'd like to discuss. Please submit topics you'd like discussed to Kathy Fezler ([katherine.fezler@childrensmn.org](mailto:katherine.fezler@childrensmn.org)) by October 28. Please join us (even if you are not a Metro MAMSS Member).”*

**Northern Region:** Friday, October 23, 2020 from 10am – 12pm @ Fairview Range, Hibbing, Webex also available

*“We held our Summer Region Meeting on July 16, 2020 at Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids, MN. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions we had many people use the call-in option but that seemed to work well. We had an excellent round table discussion about numerous topics.”*

**Southern Region:** Thursday, November 03, 2020 from 1pm – 3pm via Web-ex ONLY  
*CEUs will be available for this hot topics and round table discussion*

### Other Upcoming Events:

#### WAMSS 2020 Annual Conference

*Cascade Into The New Decade*

October 21-23, 2020 (time varies per day) via Webex ONLY

Check out their website for more info: [www.wi-wamss.org](http://www.wi-wamss.org)

Website Updates Continued...

MAMSS Board Meeting

Friday, December 11, 2020 from 9am – 11am via Web-ex ONLY

2021 MAMSS Spring Conference

April 22-23, 2021 – **SAVE THE DATE!**

*“We Survived Disaster Credentialing/Privileging”*

Planning is underway!

NAMSS 45<sup>th</sup> Educational Conference & Exhibition

October 16-21, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana

Career Opportunities posted within the last 2 months:

- Medical Staff/Provider Coordinator, Maple Grove Hospital – October 2020

Discussion Forum Questions posted within the last two months:

- Monthly OIG/SAMS/Opt out Checks
- New Regulations for PA’s



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## Certification

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

**Jodi Christopher from Cuyuna Regional Medical Center – CPMSM**

**Katlyn Johnson from Fairview Health Services – 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.

Testing Period:

- Spring Testing Period  
Application Deadline – Friday, January 22, 2021  
**Final Application Deadline (with late fee) – Friday, February 19, 2021**  
Testing Period – Saturday, March 27 through Saturday, April 17, 2021

BEING POSITIVE  
IN A NEGATIVE  
SITUATION  
IS NOT NAÏVE.  
IT'S LEADERSHIP.

### Certification Continued...

- Summer Testing Period  
Application Deadline – Friday, April 30, 2021  
**Final Application Deadline (with late fee) – Friday, May 20, 2021**  
Testing Period – Saturday, June 26 through Saturday, July 17, 2021
- Fall Testing Period  
Application Deadline – Friday, August 27, 2021  
**Final Application Deadline (with late fee) – Friday, September 17, 2021**  
Testing Period – Saturday, October 23 through Saturday, November 13, 2021

*With the ongoing COVID-19 national emergency, NAMSS recognizes that many testing centers are closing and cancelling examinations scheduled during our testing windows. 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](#).*

## 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.**



## The NPDB Query Fee Waiver Has Ended

The [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#) is committed to protecting the safety of our grantees and program participants and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Learn how to [prevent and control the spread of infection](#); access [NIH COVID-19 safety training](#); and get the latest public health information: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus); [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov); and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus).

In response to President Trump's declaration of a national emergency and emergency declarations by all states, many health care entities have taken unprecedented steps regarding licensure portability and the deployment of skilled health workforce resources to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. These health care entities rely on the NPDB to make informed hiring, licensing, and credentialing decisions. To support these entities during this national emergency, the NPDB temporarily waived query fees (both one-time query and continuous query). The NPDB fee waiver period has ended.

The temporary waiver of NPDB query fees for one-time queries, continuous queries, and continuous query renewals was from March 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020.

### **Why did the NPDB waive query fees?**

*In response to President Trump's declaration of a national emergency and emergency declarations by all states, many health care entities have taken unprecedented steps regarding licensure portability and the deployment of appropriate health workforce resources. These health care entities rely on the NPDB to make informed hiring, licensing, and credentialing decisions, while maintaining appropriate standards for the nation's health care workforce. The NPDB waived its entity query fees to support these entities.*

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

## Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

# National Medical Staff Services *Awareness Week* | November 1-7, 2020 Medical Services Professionals: Gatekeepers of Patient Safety

<https://www.namss.org/Advocacy/-MSPWeek>

### Relaxation Tips

Are you looking for a way to relax, relieve worry, stress and anxiety? If yes, check out our below tips!

- 1) Go for a walk – OPT OUTSIDE, Get moving
- 2) Breathing Exercises – Take some deep breaths
- 3) Journaling
- 4) Music – Crank up those tunes
- 5) Sing
- 6) Laughter – Just LOL
- 7) Connect with friends
- 8) Pet your pet
- 9) Meditate - Decompress
- 10) Be present – slow down



#### 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/>

### Tips on Working Remotely

- Develop a work schedule that is as close to “normal” as possible, and try to stick with it. Make sure your co-workers and manager know this schedule and when you may have to deviate from it.
- Establish a designated work area that is out of the heavy traffic flow of your home, such as a corner of the dining room or a separate room if available.
- Limit distractions and noise by using noise-cancelling headphones so that you are able to concentrate on your work. Face away from elements in your home that can interrupt your train of thought, such as the laundry room or a child’s play area.
- Set boundaries with family, neighbors, and friends that know you are home during the day. You are still at work, which means visitors need to be kept to a minimum. In addition, your workspace should be off limits to others in the household to maintain the same levels of privacy and concentration that you would have in the office.
- Maintain work-life balance by shutting down your computer and phone at the end of your work day. This is critical to avoid burnout and conflicts at home.