



NYSSMA *Today*

New York State Society of Medical Assistants



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello NYSSMA members,

For most of us it was a mild (but cold) winter and spring is almost upon us. With winter came Flu, Covid resurgence and RSV. It was hard to stay healthy with all the viruses floating around and a lot of us contracted one or more of the three. This is where the push for vaccination comes in. I was leery of the Covid vaccine at first, so I understand. Since I have no immune system after my transplant, my doctors urged me to get vaccinated. I had to get three full vaccinated before I got any boosters. I have since had boosters every 6 months and am happy to say I have not gotten Covid despite being at a conference in Myrtle Beach with people who had it and didn't know until after. I even got antibodies! So please if you have not gotten vaccinated or boosted, I urge you to reconsider.



Two resolutions were sent to the MSSNY House of Delegates in April 2023. They have become proposed legislation in need of your support. Please see below for a brief recap of these compelling resolutions that were submitted by the 8th District, which have now been introduced as proposed bills in both the Assembly and the Senate!

Brief Recap of the 8th District Resolutions That Are Now Pending Legislation:

1. Limited Expansion of Scope of Work for Credentialed Medical Assistants to Perform Vaccinations:

At the House, our physicians testified how it has become unsustainable for practices to remain open and be able to afford to continue to perform vaccinations. As such, our 8th District Delegates and physicians throughout the State plead for NYS to replicate measures already enacted in other jurisdictions throughout the country where Certified Medical Assistants are authorized to issue vaccines. After hearing all testimony, we are pleased to report that the House voted to refer this resolution, which means that this resolution will be further discussed at a MSSNY Committee to discern whether to adopt this measure. We will be sure to update you all with the outcome of this resolution once decided.

2. Funding Primary Care:

At the House, physicians throughout the State testified that other States, like Rhode Island and Connecticut, have required that the regional payors fund primary care. This approach in those States has resulted in a savings in healthcare in the amount of some \$115 million and has made the practice of primary care sustainable. This resolution was characterized as an effort to fund "preventive" medicine, as an investment in primary care would thus allow physicians to take a proactive approach to medicine and prevent the development of comorbidities on the front-end. We are pleased to report that our Physician Delegates and Delegates throughout the state submitted powerful testimony, and as a result, the House voted to adopt this Resolution!

PLEASE USE YOUR COLLECTIVE VOICES TO ADVANCE THIS LEGISLATION!

With spring just around the corner so is the 63rd Annual NYSSMA Convention. Our Convention Committee has been hard at work making sure we have plenty of great CEUs. It will be a great weekend full of learning, great food, fun and friendship. Hope to see all of you there. More info is in this edition of *NYSSMA Today*, along with the registration.

Kimberly Battaglini, CMA(AAMA)
NYSSMA President 2022-2024

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Who knows what the weather will hold when you all will be reading this, but I will take sunshine, warm temps, and fresh air in March any day! The days are getting longer too so be sure to get outside and reap the benefits of it after this winter season.

I'm happy to say that the convention registration forms are included in this newsletter. Please consider attending if you have the means to.

Happy reading,
Heather Kazmierczak, BFA, CMA (AAMA), NRCCS
Editor



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*63rd Annual
Convention ~
Syracuse*

Each year the generous members of the New York State Society of Medical Assistants bring items for local causes during the annual meeting. There are a few ways you can help:

Wuster Whitehead Personals Closet: Open to Syracuse North side Immigrants and those in need, this closet is part of the church of one of our longtime members. Items needed are:

Toilet Paper 4 pk
Fem. Maxi pads 16 pk
Bar Soap
Men's Deodorant
Hand Soap Pump 7.5 oz

Tissues 100 sheets
Dish Soap 28 oz
Toothpaste
Women's Deodorant
Laundry Soap 42 oz

Hope for Heather Ovarian Cancer: Pop Tabs (soda, beer, soup or vegetable cans). Ask your co-workers to collect, your students, family members and friends. A little friendly competition can yield a lot of tabs.

Lion's Club: Do you have old Eyeglasses? Feel free to bring them and we will get them to the Lions.

Franciscan Villa (Sisters of St. Francis): Our friends are always sending greeting cards (birthday, thank you, thinking of you, etc). Perhaps you can bring a package. You can find printed and blank cards at the Dollar Tree (\$1.25) and boxes at Walmart (under \$2.00). One of our 2022 Virtual Speakers was a Sister that played the harp in the hospital hallways.

We will have collection bins in our main meeting room at the convention.

We look forward to seeing you.

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New York State Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

63rd Annual Convention Registration

April 18, 2024-April 21, 2024

Doubletree Hotel & Suites by Hilton

6301 State Rt 298 ~ East Syracuse, NY 13057

“Expanding Our Vision”

Name: _____ Credentials _____

Hotel Confirmation # _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Member (AAMA) _____ Chapter _____ State Society

_____ Member at Large _____ State

_____ Non-Member

_____ Student Member _____ Student Non-Member _____ School

_____ Educator /Program Director _____ School

Number of Years as a AAMA Member _____ AAMA Member ID# _____

Are You A First Time Attendee: _____

NYSSMA Officer _____

NYSSMA Committee Chair (List Committee[s]) _____

Please List the Committee{s} You Serve on: _____

Are you newly certified? _____ Recertified in the past year? _____ Date _____

Important Information Required for Voting in the General Assembly

Please Check

_____ Active Member _____ Associate Member _____ Life Member _____ Sustaining Member

There Is No Charge To Attend the General Assembly, But You Must Be Registered

Report Packets: The reports for the General Assembly will be viewed on a projector. There will be some “hard copies” available at the convention. (Voting Members Should Get A Copy Prior to the convention) If you would like to receive a packet before the convention to review it, please check below.

____ I would like a packet mailed to me ____ I would like a packet emailed to me ____ I will get a copy at the meeting

Complete Convention Registration Packages Include All Meetings, Lunch & Dinner for Friday & Saturday, Continental Breakfast on Saturday, Breaks, and CEUs.

Your name _____

Complete Registration Package (Please make menu selection for Saturday Dinner Below)

	MEMBER	NONMEMBER
_____ On Time- Must be received by 3/30	\$300	\$325
_____ Late Registration: Received after 3/30	\$350	\$375

Daily Registration Includes Meals, Breaks and Education/CEU sessions.

	MEMBER	NONMEMBER	STUDENT
Thursday, April 18th	\$75*	\$75*	\$35*
	(*No Meal Provided)		
Friday, April 19th	\$150	\$160	\$60
Saturday, April 20th	\$150	\$160	\$75

Select your choice for Saturday's Dinner below

Note: Select a meal for the Saturday Dinner

Friday & Saturday Luncheon Buffet, Friday Dinner will be a buffet. Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast and Saturday Plated Dinner, Two refreshment breaks on Saturday

Friday Luncheon:

Now That's Fancy: includes Wedge Salad-Quartered Iceberg Lettuce Wedges, Bacon Bits, Cherry Tomatoes, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Ranch Dressing (GF); Pulled Pork, Sliced Pickles on a Pretzel Bun; Chicken Caprese Sandwich, Roasted Tomatoes, Arugula & Fresh Mozzarella on a Ciabatta Roll; Vegetarian Caprese Sandwich, Roasted Tomatoes; Arugula & Fresh Mozzarella on a Ciabatta Roll (V); Sweet Potato Waffle Fries with Maple Bacon Dipping, Tater Tots with Garlic Aioli Dipping Sauce; Warm Sugar Waffle with Vanilla Ice Cream, Strawberry & Hot Fudge Toppings

Friday Evening" Welcome Party":

The Doubletree Dinner Buffet: Artisan Mixed Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots and Choice of Dressings (V), (GF); Green Beans, Olive Oil, Garlic and Lemon)V), (VG), (GF); Roasted Pee Wee Potatoes (V), (VG), (GF); Gluten Free Penne Pomodoro (V), (GF); Roast Baron of Beef (GF)-Au Jus; Cast Iron-Roasted Airline Chicken Breast (GF)-Black Pepper & Thyme Marinated Breast with Pan Jus; Chef's Assorted Desserts (to include gluten free option)

Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast

Orange, Apple & Cranberry Juice; Sliced Seasonal Fruit; Home Style Breakfast Breads; Coffee, Tea, Decaf

AM Refresh Break

Assorted Soda, Bottled Water, Coffee, Tea & Decaf

Artisan Buffet Luncheon

Minestrone (V) and Tomato Basil Soup (V) (VG); Pasta Salad & Fruit Salad (V); Roast Turkey Sandwich with Lettuce & Tomato on a Kaiser Roll; Ham & Swiss on a Croissant; Kettle Chips; Pickles, Many Condiments; Brownies & Lemon Bars

Afternoon Break

Fresh Baked Cookies; Assorted Soda & Bottled Water

V-Vegetarian; VG-Vegan; GF-Gluten Free

Saturday Dinner Choices~ Please Select One

Caesar Salad-Artisan Romaine, Croutons, Shaved Parmesan & Caesar Dressing (GF)

_____ Beef Short Rib **GF** (Tender Slow Roasted Braised Short Rib of Beef) **OR**

_____ Chicken Francaise' (French Classic with a Delicate Lemon Beurre Blanc) **OR**

_____ Savory Season Crusted Salmon (**GF**) (Savory Everything Blend Topped Fillet with a Cream Cheese Sauce)

All meals include Sautéed Broccolini (GF); Roasted Garlic Potatoes (V); Cheesecake; Assorted Rolls, Butter, Coffee Tea & Decaf

Special Dietary Needs: _____

****Attendees staying at a different hotel will be assessed an additional \$25 fee to those listed above.**

If you are not staying in a hotel there is no extra charge **

Complete Registration Package \$ _____

Daily Registration (indicate day[s]) THURS \$ _____ FRI \$ _____ SAT \$ _____

***Guest Meals \$ _____

**Add'l. \$25 fee (as noted above) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*** Extra Activity Fee for Card Making on Thursday Night Made Payable to Renee Piraino-Cards by Renee for \$25 per person***

Name of Guest & Meals _____

Please Send Completed Registration Form With Check or Money Order

Made Payable To: NYSSMA

Mail To: Paula Guidozzoli

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Syracuse, NY 13220

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Refunds will be made if requests are postmarked by 4/4/24. Requests made after that date will be considered emergency requests and will be made at the discretion of the NYSSMA Executive Board.

You will have the opportunity to meet a member of the AAMA Board of Trustees, and many chances to have a conversation

Convention Schedule

Registration Table Open Thursday 2:30-4:00 pm

Friday 7:30am-8:30am, Saturday 7:00-8:00 am

Thursday, April 18th

12:00pm-3:30pm	NYSSMA Past Presidents Annual Luncheon
2:30pm-4:00pm	Registration
4:00pm-5:00pm	<i>Advocacy-What Does it Mean To You</i> Christopher P. Tirabassi, CMPE CEO, Medical Health Associates of Western NY, PPLC
5:00pm-6:00pm	<i>True Colors: Personality Indicators for the Medical Office</i> Mariangela Risucci, Educator/Trainer- Syracuse University, Cornell University, High Schools & Employer Groups
6:15pm	Dinner on Your Own

7:30pm-9:00pm **Card Making with Renee** ** \$25 fee (check made payable to Renee Piraino) Your kit contains material for 6 cards—you can complete some at home; stamps, ink pads, tags, cards, envelopes, and more.

Friday, April 20th

7:30am-8:30am	Registration
9:00am-10:30am	Pre-Convention Meeting (Open to all)
11:00am-12:00pm	<i>2024 Changes-EMR, Value Based Care & Out Sourcing</i> Anne Zaccheo, MBA, FACMPE Practice Director, Nephrology Associates of Syracuse
12:00pm-1:00pm	Buffet Luncheon (Included in Registration)
1:00pm-2:00pm	<i>Sleep Do's and Don't s</i> Antonio Culebras, MD Professor & Medical Director of Neurology, Update Medical University
2:00pm-3:00pm	<i>Lifestyle Choices to Optimize Your Mind, Body & Spirit</i> <i>CORE 4 of Wellness</i> Kaushal Nanavati, MD, FAAFP, ABOIM, ABIHM Assistant Dean of Wellness Director of Integrative Medicine & Survivorship Upstate Cancer Center Assistant Professor of Family Medicine Upstate Medical University
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break

3:30pm-4:30pm **Men's Health: Facts & Stories**
Kaushal Nanavati, MD, FAAFP, ABOIM, ABIHM

4:45pm-5:00pm Credentials Check In (For the General Assembly)

** Please Remember to Bring Your Current AAMA ID Card. It is necessary for approval of your Credentials for the General Assembly (Voting). All attendees can sit in the General Assembly. Active, Associate, Life & Sustaining members in good standing (dues paid by December 31, 2023) can vote on the business presented in the General Assembly. All members can speak on a subject. {We are aware many of our dues were posted late and that will be taken into consideration based on date}

5:00pm-6:30pm General Assembly
7:00pm-9:00pm Welcome Party
Buffet Dinner Included in Registration Package

Saturday, April 20th

7:00am-7:45am Continental Breakfast (Included in Registration Package)

8:00am-9:00am **The Mental Health of a Child**
Speaker being finalized

9:00am-10:00am **Risk Management**
Speaker being finalized

10:00am-10:30am AM Refreshment Break

10:30am-11:30am **Fighting Breast Cancer**
Cancer & the Future of Central New York's National Cancer Institute
Elizabeth Baldwin, Executive Director
The Baldwin Fund & Carol's Cardinals

12:00pm-1:00pm Buffet Luncheon (Included in Registration Package)

1:00pm-2:00pm **Ovarian Cancer 101**
Frieda Weeks, Executive Director & Founder
Hope for Heather, GYN Cancer Awareness

2:00pm-2:30pm PM Refreshment Break

2:30pm-3:30pm **Depression & Schizophrenia**
Jessica Arnold

3:30-pm-4:30pm Being Finalized

5:30pm-8:00pm President's Banquet and Installation of Officers
(Plated Dinner Included in Registration~ Please Make Your Selection Above)

Sunday, April 21st

9:00am-11:00am Post Convention Meeting
12 CEUs Available
*****Speakers, Topics and Times are Subject to Change*****

Hotel Information

Single/Double Rooms \$115 + 17% tax (\$19.55) per night =\$134.55

Below is your reservation link!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/syrtdtd-902-1c61383e-9e70-4515-9d0b-8b052d0d7c49/>

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Directions: Exit 35 of the NYS Thruway (I-90) toward Syracuse/Rt 298 East Syracuse. Go for 0.4 miles. Take the 4th exit from Carrier Circle Roundabout onto Carrier Circle 298E for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Telergy Pkwy. Go 240 feet, Turn left and for 272 feet.

Hotel Amenities

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 - Concierge
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There are dozens of restaurants, shops, health & beauty & entertainment places within 5 miles.

Right around the circle & beyond-Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, McDonald's, Denny's Joey's (Italian Fine Dining), Pronto Joey's (Italian Casual Dining), Pizza & Sub shops, Big Mama's Cheesecake, Mother's Cupboard, & Wegman's Grocery Store.

Erie Blvd is a main street through the city of Syracuse with a number of fast food places, Tully's, Five Guys, Delmonico's Steak House, Texas Roadhouse, Core Life Eatery, (LaBron's) Blaze Pizza, Jersey Subs, Crumbl Cookies, Hair & Nail Shops, Five Below, Marshall's, Party City, Optical Shop, and 2 Urgent Care facilities within 5 miles in each direction.

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There will be some vintage NYSSMA Promotional Items available



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Convention Journal Advertisement Order Form

April 18-21, 2024

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Please support our society with advertisement to support a candidate, member, chapter or your business to be included in the convention program journal

Indicate your choice of advertisement size. Send this completed form with your **camera-ready copy and a check made payable to NYSSMA**

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-Andy Puddicombe