Greetings!

You know the value of your medical assistants. Whether they coordinate the scheduling or prep patients for the exam room, they also perform a wide scope of duties that are an important link to patient safety, satisfaction, and well-being.

Make sure your practice stays at peak operating condition by supporting their membership in the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA). By paying for all or any portion of your medical assistants’ expenses, you will invest in your medical practice and reap the benefits:

- **Protection.** Keeping credentialed personnel on staff helps protect you from successful litigation about the quality of employees. Members of the AAMA who are graduates of a CAAHEP- or ABHES-accredited medical assisting program can take the CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination for only $125, half the standard fee. In addition, members earn discounts on AAMA continuing education courses, helping them stay current on cutting-edge medical topics. Credentialed employees may even reduce your liability insurance rates in some states.

- **Credential verification.** Make sure your medical assistant employees are CMA (AAMA) credentialed, and they keep their certification current (by re-examination or 60 hours of continuing education every 60 months). You can check your employees’ CMA (AAMA) status at any time online, completely free.

- **Legal counsel.** Questions about medical assistants’ scope of practice and other job-related issues abound. The AAMA provides in-house legal support to answer questions that keep your practice safe.

Bottom line? By supporting AAMA membership for your medical assisting staff, you help your practice.

For dues rates, online CMA (AAMA) status verification checks, Legal Eye On Medical Assisting scope of practice issues blog, and more information, visit www.aama-ntl.org.

Sincerely,

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