Dear [Name],

Welcome to the American Association of Medical Assistants® (AAMA), the only professional association dedicated exclusively to medical assistants. As a member, you will enjoy many benefits and opportunities to advance your career and profession.

Some of the benefits of AAMA membership include the following:

* A discount on the CMA (AAMA) Certification Exam *(See the* [*AAMA website*](https://www.aama-ntl.org) *for information on exam eligibility.)*
* Complimentary issues of *Medical Assisting Today*, the AAMA’s flagship magazine
* Access to discounted continuing education through the AAMA e-Learning Center, AAMA Store, *Medical Assisting Today,* and state society or local chapter conferences to keep your knowledge and skills up to date
* Legal protection and advocacy for your scope of practice
* Networking and volunteer opportunities with state and local chapters and the AAMA Annual Conference
* Access to Beneplace, an exclusive savings marketplace that offers discounts on travel, computers, restaurants, and more
* Prestige and recognition for being a part of the most respected association for medical assistants

AAMA membership and the CMA (AAMA) credential are different in the following ways:

* **Membership** is offered through the AAMA for a fee and is renewable annually. Although membership is not required to practice as a CMA (AAMA), it provides many advantages and resources for professional development.
* The **CMA (AAMA) credential** is the certification awarded by the AAMA Certifying Board upon passing the CMA (AAMA) Certification Exam. The credential is valid for 60 months and can be recertified by exam or through continuing education. The CMA (AAMA) credential is a mark of excellence and competence that is recognized by employers and health care providers.

We are glad to have you as a part of our AAMA family. Together, we can support your professional journey, promote the medical assisting profession, and provide quality, patient-centered health care.

Sincerely,

[State President’s Name and Credentials]

[Years] AAMA President