

REGISTRATION: PLEASE SPECIFY

Social/Networking Thursday Only
 Both Days Friday Only

If paying by credit card, please register on-line at our website: www.nysamss.org. A small processing fee will be charged for credit card payments.

If paying by check, your completed registration form and payment must be received by 4/29/26 – no exceptions. If check and registration are NOT received by this date, you must register and pay by credit card via www.nysamss.org. Your check will then be returned to you.

Name _____

Nickname _____

Title _____

Facility _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Fax # _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Phone # (for emergency use only): _____

Amount Due: \$ _____

Please submit your completed registration form and payment **no later than April 29, 2026** to:

NYSAMSS
789 Pre-Emption Road, #300
Geneva, NY 14456

NYSAMSS Tax ID: 16-1198551

All registrations will be verified by confirmation letter.

**2026 NYSAMSS CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FEES**

| | <u>Member*</u> | <u>Non-Member</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Both Days: | \$375 | \$475 |
| Thursday Only: | \$225 | \$275 |
| Friday Only: | \$200 | \$250 |

* Must be a member in good standing of NYSAMSS or a member of another State Association within the NE region.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE
PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT**

Registration fee includes: Program attendance, conference materials and all food/refreshment breaks.

A \$195 cancellation fee per individual will be charged if registration is canceled less than one (1) week prior to the program. No cancellations will be accepted on the day of the program. Substitutions will be accepted.

If re-billing a credit card is necessary, a \$50 processing fee will be charged. A charge of \$50 will apply for all insufficient fund checks.

For questions, email info@nysamss.org.

Photographs may be taken during the Conference and may appear on Social Media. By registering for the Conference, permission to use the registrant's photograph is given.



2026

**45th ANNUAL
EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

May 6 – May 8, 2026

Remember to follow us at:

- <https://www.nysamss.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/nysamss/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/new-york-state-association-of-medical-staff-services-34146729a>

Albany Marriott Hotel

189 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12211

Phone: 518-458-8444

Pre-Conference Day – May 6

OPTIONAL – All attendees are welcome!

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: MSP Networking

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Social Event with DJ Jay –
Because MSPs deserve to unwind, connect and
celebrate the amazing work we do every day!

Day 1 – Thursday, May 7

7:00 am Registration/ Breakfast

7:45 am **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
Karyn-Marie Lipari, *NYSAMSS*
President

8:00 am **Designing the Effective OPPE
Report**
Sharon Beckwith, *President, Peer
Review & Clinical Quality Consulting,
Hardenbergh Group*

9:00 am **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in
Medical Staff Services**
Sharon Beckwith, *President, Peer
Review & Clinical Quality Consulting,
Hardenbergh Group*

10:00 am **Break**

10:30 am **NCQA 2025-2026 Standards
Updates, Key Changes, Impacts and
Action Items**
Mark Hirschhorn, *CPCS, VP,
Compliance Officer, Andros*

11:30 am **The Impact of the Big Beautiful Bill
Act on the Healthcare System**
Jonathan Burroughs, *JD, MD,
MBA, FACHE, FAAPL, The
Burroughs Healthcare Consulting
Network, Inc.*

12:30 pm **Lunch Break**

1:30 pm **Hot Topics in Privileging with an
Emphasis on APPs**
Susan Diaz, *CPCS, CPMSM,
Greeley Consultant*

2:30 pm **Cultivating Excellence with Effective
Communication Utilizing Emotional
Intelligence**
Melissa Walter, *MHA, FMSP,
CPMSM, CPCS, Prisma Health*

3:30 pm **Break**

3:45 pm **Sticky Situations (Round Table
Discussion)**
Anne Roberts, *Esq., CPMSM,
CPCS, System VP, Medical Affairs
Operations, Mount Sinai Health System*

5:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Karyn-Marie Lipari, *NYSAMSS*
President

Day 2 – Friday, May 8

7:00 am Registration/Breakfast

7:30 am **NYSAMSS Annual Business Meeting**
Karyn-Marie Lipari, *NYSAMSS*
President

8:15 am **NAMSS Update**
Caroline Strickland, *MBA-HCS,
CPCS, CPMSM, FMSP, NAMSS
Director-at-Large*

8:45 am **OPMC 101**
Shelly Wang Bandago, *Director,
NYS Department of Health, OPMC*
Joseph Mannino, *MD, Medical
Director, NYS Department of Health,
OPMC*

9:45 am **Committee for Physician Health
Updates**
Michael Reynolds, *Director,
Committee for Physician Health,
MSSNY*

10:45 am **Break**

11:15 am **Patient in Focus: A Comprehensive
Transition Snapshot**
RuthAnn Craven, *Business
Development Manager, Health
Information Exchange of NY (HIXNY)*

12:00 pm **Accreditation 360**
Karen Vargas, *MSA, OTR/L,
CPHQ, Joint Commission*

1:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Karyn-Marie Lipari, *NYSAMSS*
President

CEU Credits: Applied

Target Audience:

- * MSS/Credentialing Professionals
- * Managed Care Credentialing Professionals
- * Medical Directors/VPMA's
- * Quality Improvement Professionals
- * Risk Management Professionals

Overnight Accommodations:

The Albany Marriott Hotel will provide accommodations at a special group rate for Conference attendees: \$139 (plus tax)

Reservations may be made by calling the Albany Marriott directly at 800-443-8952 with reservation code **NYSAMSS**, or click on the on-line reservation link on the 2026 Conference page at www.nysamss.org.

Group Rate Reservation Deadline: **4/22/26**

Disclaimers:

Topics, speakers and times may be subject to change without prior notice.

The content and opinions expressed by the speakers are not necessarily those of the New York State Association of Medical Staff Services.

Conference Room temperature will be set at 70 degrees. It is suggested that attendees dress in layers for comfort.

For the enjoyment of all participants, please make sure to turn your cell phone to vibrate.