

1. The AAMA was established in 1956 and is the only association designated to strictly medical assistants. In 1955 the Kansas Medical Assistants Society held a meeting to consider forming the association. In 1956 the constitution and bylaws were made, and permanent officers became elected. In 1957 the first annual meeting was held, and the first publication was published as *The Ambassador*. In 1959 the national headquarters was opened in Chicago. In 1962 an example test was made for CMA's and was given but with no credit. In 1969 there were five two-year programs that were accredited. In the 1970s The US Office of Education recognized the AAMA as an official accreditation for medical assistant programs. As well as adopted the continuing education credit. In the 1980's the certification revalidation program was launched allowing CMA's to renew their credentials by either continuing their education or retaking the exam. In the 90's 20 of the 60 recertification points must be AAMA approved programs. In the early 2000's a CMA went to space aboard a NASA shuttle. CPR became mandatory for CMA's. In 2009 computer-based testing became available for certification or recertification for CMA's.
2. Benefits to be a part of the student group include, building your resume, gain experience, developing networking skills, and forming study groups for the CMA certification exam.
3. In short, yes Maine does have a society. It is called Maine State Society of Medical Assistants or MSSMA. Inga Pollard CMA is our state president.
4. The dues for Maine would be 32.50 for a one-year subscription being a student or 60 for two years. If you're a nonmember it would be 92.00 or 84.00 if you pay online.
5. The chapter that would be closest to me in distance would be the Penobscot chapter.

6. The requirements for the CMA exam are that the person must have graduated from or be about to graduate from a medical assisting program that is accredited by the CAAHEP or the ABHES. Also, cannot be more than thirty days before completing the program.
7. As of right now if you are done with your program and would like to sit for the exam the fee is waived because of COVID-19. Otherwise the fee is 125.
8. Print an exam outline
9. You can get CEU's through the website as they have an e learning centers where you can take electronic tests online, CMA Today articles have tests in each issue of the magazine, there are self-study courses on the website, state chapters host CEU workshops and you could attend an annual conference.
10. Medical assistant week is every third full week in October.
11. This year the Conference was held in Lake Buena Vista Florida.
12. I could not find this, there were options for a practice exam, but none for medical terminology.
13. Beal is Accredited by CAAHEP
14. You earn CEU's by completing exams, clinicals and other units and acquiring 10 points in clinical aspect, 10 points in a general aspect and 10 administrative points. You will also need an addition 30 points within any of those three categories.
15. States that only credentialed medical assistants can enter medication, laboratory and diagnostic imaging orders into the computerized system.
16. In order for a medical assistant to take the CMA certification exam they must have graduated from an establishment that is accredited through the CAAHEP or ABHES.

These programs hold the establishment's education to a high and general standard that most practices admire when looking for new MA's

17. The analysis of Medical Assistants is a survey that is done yearly by medical assistants themselves and lists what it is that medical assistants feel as though their responsibilities are.
18. A CMA (AAMA) is a certified medical assistant that has achieved credentialing through the certifying board of the American Associate of Medical Assistants. The CMA credential must come from a program that is accredited by CAAHEP or ABHES.
19. Under the compensation and benefits section on the AAMA website it is noted that it offers different tables that indicate the rate of pay based on several different items. It also states that there are insurance benefits as well as BLS employment projections.
20. Under the membership tab and under career center there are multiple different tools to allow you to apply for new jobs such as building a resume, building your skills, how to discuss pay, get caught up on article or how to become involved with AAMA.