Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

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To:
Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA), FSMA President
Executive Council Members
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representatives
Physician Liaison

From: Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA)
FSMA Public Policy Chair

Re: Committee Report
For 10/26/2013 Seminar

This Chair has stayed alert to those Public Policies that would have an effect on all CMA (AAMA) members and practitioners.

I received a copy of an e-mail that was sent from our North Florida President to Don Balasa via Betty Springer regarding an inquiry from one of many operations/office managers on Florida Legislatures upcoming decision on Medical Assistants Certifications. I asked Betty to follow up for me as I was not able to do so. Thank you Betty for your help.

Mr. Balasa's answer was that he had heard nothing about Florida legislation that would require all medical assistants to be certified in order to work. He wondered if there was some confusion on the issue at hand that is the federal CMS rule that only "credentialed medical assistants" are permitted to enter orders into the EHR for purposes of having such entry count toward meeting the meaningful use of thresholds of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. He also stated that he felt it was unlikely that there is any pending legislation in Florida.

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