

Medicare Cost Report Camp

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AIHC® is excited to offer this unique in-person program—designed to be both collaborative and engaging! Bring your questions about your organization's cost report process and “*Ask the Experts.*” Network with fellow professionals, gain valuable insights, and deepen your understanding of the Medicare cost report process. Ready to take the next step? Consider becoming a Certified Cost Report Specialist (CCRSSM).

About This Live Event & Online Pre-Camp Resources

This training camp is designed for novice or seasoned cost report preparers. It is recommended for chief financial officers, accounting staff, revenue cycle professionals, reimbursement professionals, and employees tasked with gathering information for Medicare cost reports at healthcare organizations. Experienced cost reporting professionals who would like to enhance their skill set by obtaining a professional certification will have the option to certify as a Certified Cost Report Specialist (CCRSSM) after successful completion of the Medicare Cost Report Training Camp.

Access to Immediate Resources Upon Registration

Upon registration, you are given ready access to downloadable information such as COVID and Cost Reporting, Overview of DSH, FAQs, e-Filing Requirements, Documentation Requirements, Abbreviations & Terms, a sample cost report and the *Cost Report and Compliance Video*.

Earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

You must attend both days to earn your CPE/CEU certificate



18 CEUs This program has been approved for 18 continuing education units by the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance for our certified professionals. These continuing education units may be applied towards the Core, HIPAA, and Ethics CEU categories for all AIHC® professional credentials for your next renewal.



Participants will earn **12 CPE credits** / **Field of Study:** Specialized Knowledge - The American Institute of Healthcare Compliance is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.nasbaregistry.org

- **Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge of the preparation of Medicare cost reports, with some experience either gathering information for cost reports or actively preparing cost reports for an institutional healthcare organization.
- **Advanced Preparation:** A number of documents will be provided to you electronically before camp begins. You are responsible for reviewing these documents prior to the first day of camp.
- **Program Level:** Basic
- **Instructional Delivery Method:** Group Live
- *A hard copy training manual is provided at camp. Additional training materials are provided to you electronically after the training camp ends.*



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Training Camp Cost Report Expert / Instructor

Scott Mertie – Lead Trainer

CHFP, CMPE, CPPM, CCRS, CHA, CIFHA, CHCO, FHFMA



With over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Scott consults on various aspects of third-party reimbursement, operations, and compliance for clients throughout the United States. Additionally, he provides expert reports and testimony for healthcare-related litigation engagements. His clients include hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians, and other providers, as well as law firms.

Scott's previous experience includes working for a Nashville-based hospital management company, a Nashville hospital system, and CPA firms. He regularly presents on a variety of healthcare topics to organizations such as HFMA, MGMA, NMGMA, MTHEA, AAPC, and TSCPA, among others. He has also guest lectured at Vanderbilt and Belmont Universities.

Scott partnered with the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance (AIHC®) to develop a Medicare/Medicaid cost report course (boot camp). In addition, he worked with AIHC® to create the Certified Cost Report Specialist (CCRSSM) credential, along with the associated educational materials and testing.

Katie Reid – CPA, CHFP, CCRS, CHCO, FHFMA



Katie oversees reimbursement and operations services, including the review and preparation of Medicare and Medicaid cost reports, as well as other third-party reimbursement opportunities. She works with a variety of clients, including medical/surgical, psychiatric, rehabilitation, and long-term acute care hospitals. Additionally, she serves skilled nursing facilities, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, hospice and home health agencies, end-stage renal disease facilities, and other multispecialty physician practices.



What You Will Learn at Camp *(subject to compliance updates)*

Class size is limited to provide an optimal learning experience and abide by social distancing guidelines. Class time both days is 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. The agenda is subject to change. Camp includes interactive breakout sessions & interactive question & answer exercises.

Compliance: Learn How to Locate the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 42 and Navigate the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Website to Download Reimbursement Manuals

- Identify How Medicare Cost Reporting Relates to the False Claims Act (FCA)
- Identify High-Risk Areas Related to the FCA and Cost Reporting

Background of the Medicare Cost Report System and Major Milestones

- Understand the Language of Cost Reporting: Define Related Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Terms and Recognize Medicare Provider Number Nomenclature to Identify the Type of Provider

Cost Reporting

- Locate Cost Report Forms on the CMS Website for Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Hospices, Rural Health Clinics, CMHCs, FQHCs, and Chain/Home Offices
- Identify Requirements Related to MCR eF (Medicare Cost Report E-Filing)
- Demonstrate Sufficient Knowledge of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, Chapter 40, to Complete Form CMS 2552 (Locating and Understanding Worksheet Instructions) for:
 - Chapter 39 (Home office)
 - Chapter 41 (SNF)
 - Chapter 42 (Renal)
 - Chapter 43 (Hospice)
 - Chapter 44 (FQHC)
 - Chapter 45 (CMHC)
 - Chapter 46 (RHC)
- Learn General Medicare Cost Report Settlement Subject Matter, Such As:
 - Wage Index (Used to Adjust Rates Geographically) and Worksheet S-3, Part II
 - Project Costs: Cost-Based Reimbursement, Overall Costs Used to Set National Base PPS Rates, Cost Finding/Cost to Charge Ratios
 - Medicare Bad Debts
 - Uncompensated Care
 - Charity Care, Non-Medicare Bad Debt
 - Disproportionate Share
 - IME/GME Teaching Hospitals
 - Other Cost Report Settlements

Filing Requirements

- Understand Requirements to File Cost Reports, Section 1815(2) of the Social Security Act, and Understanding Compliance to the Cost Reporting Period
 - Initial Cost Reporting Period
 - Established and New Providers
 - Cessation of the Participation in Program
 - Changing of Cost Reporting Periods
 - Timely Filing of the Cost Report

Bad Debt

- How to Identify and Integrate Requirements Related to Allowable Medicare Bad Debt During Your Cost Reporting Process:
 - Criteria for Allowable Medicare Bad Debt
 - Reasonable Collection Effort
 - Indigent Patients
 - Medicare Beneficiaries with Medicaid Secondary
 - Physician Professional Component
 - Accounting Period for Medicare Bad Debt



Training Camp Learning Objectives, continued

Bad Debt, continued

- Recovery of Bad Debts
- Using a Bad Debt Log Checklist
- DSH (Disproportionate Share Hospital)
 - Calculate DSH
 - Calculate the Uncompensated Care Adjustment
 - Implementation of Section 3133 of the Affordable Care Act-Medicare DSH-Supplemental Data
 - The Combined DSH & UCA Calculation

Included in Camp Tuition

- Downloadable information can be accessed through the online resource page upon registration.
- The camp includes two days of classroom training to review key course concepts.
- **Lunch is provided on both days** of the training camp.
- Training materials and access to the online post-camp page are provided for **up to three (3) months** after camp ends.
- Membership is provided for one (1) year *for first-time members only*.

Register Now Through October 1, 2025, and **SAVE 25%**

Camp Tuition: \$895 \$670

Registration Deadline: **JANUARY 26, 2026 @ 12:00 pm EST**

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Need More Than a Certificate? **Optional Online Certification Exam w/Remote Proctor**

Experienced cost report professionals will have the *option* to certify as a Certified Cost Report Specialist (CCRSSM) after successful completion of the Cost Report Training Camp for an additional \$75 exam fee per attempt. A total of (3) attempts at certification are permitted. You will be provided details via email regarding the option to certify upon successful camp completion.

About the Certification Exam

- Online, open-note, three (3) hour proctored exam consisting of 100 questions
- Passing score is 80%*
- There are five (5) domains:
 - Allowable Bad Debt
 - eFiling Your Cost Report
 - Provider Statistical and Reimbursement System (PS&R)
 - Compliance and Cost Reporting
 - General Cost Report Concepts, Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Terms

If (When) You Certify as a Cost Report Specialist - You'll Need to Maintain Your CCRSSM Credential

Once you become a Certified Cost Report Specialist (CCRSSM), you need to maintain your credential by earning six (6) CEUs annually. We offer a free, 50-question, online renewal exam to quickly and easily earn your CEUs. We also accept CPEs and relevant CEUs earned through other professional organizations.



*Do you have questions?
Please contact us at 330-241-5635 Option #2 for Registrations or Option #6 for Help Desk.*

TRAINING LOCATION

**Embassy Suites by Hilton
Nashville Airport**
10 Century Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37214



***Make Your Reservation Soon! Sleeping Room – We Have a Special Event Room Rate:
\$169 per night!***

Guaranteed Sleeping Room Reservation Deadline for the \$169 Rate:
JANUARY 26, 2026 @ 12:00 pm EST

Make your sleeping room reservations directly with the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport.](#)

Your stay includes

- Free made-to-order breakfast
- Complimentary evening reception
- Airport shuttle
- On-site restaurant
- Room Service
- Fitness center
- Pet-friendly rooms
- Business center
- Digital Key

**Flying into Nashville International Airport?
The Hotel Offers Free Shuttle Service!**



The training camp is located (3) miles from Nashville International Airport, and the hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle service. Call the hotel at (615) 871-0033 for shuttle details.



How to Register for This Live Event

Register Online – [Click here](#) to enroll and pay!

We accept the following credit cards online via the secure payment portal located on the course registration page.



Need to Mail a Check or Money Order?

Scroll down, complete the hardcopy enrollment form and enclose it with your payment.

Refund & Financial Policies

For information regarding our refund, concern and program cancellation policies, please view our Financial Policies on our website (www.aihc-assn.org) or call the Registration Department at 330-241-5635.



Hardcopy Registration Form

Spring 2026 Medicare Cost Report Camp

February 17-18, 2026 in Nashville, TN

Final Registration Deadline: January 26, 2026 @ 12:00 pm EST

Enrollment Date:	I intend to take the online certification exam after completing this program: Please email me the link to purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name & Credentials:	
Home Address:	
Employer Name & Address:	
<i>(For website administration and registration confirmation)</i> Primary Email Address: Alternate Email Address:	Current Job Position: Work Phone Number: Alternate or Cell Phone Number:

Please Make Checks Payable to: AIHC®

[] Early Bird (before October 1, 2025) Price: **\$670**

Mailing Address: 3637 Medina Road, Suite 15, Medina, Ohio 44256

Please do not send credit card information. For secure credit card payments:

Register Online – [Click here](#) to register securely for this training program.

Or request an invoice by emailing RegistrationDepartment@aihc-assn.org, or call 330-241-5635 (option 2)

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