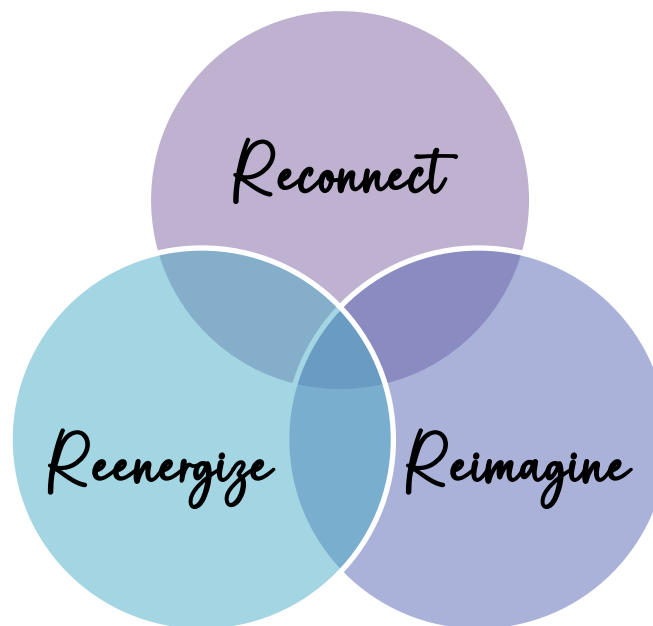




connections Newsletter

October 2026

Southern Ohio Valley Chapter of the Case Management Society of America



A NEW ERA

for the Southern Ohio Valley CMSA Chapter!

The next phase of SOV CMSA starts with all of us!



A Message from Our President

Mary Beth Newman, SOV-CMSA President

RECONNECT • REENERGIZE • REIMAGINE

These three words capture what I hope we can do together as we look ahead to the future of SOV-CMSA. Our chapter is a place to connect with colleagues, learn from one another, and strengthen our professional community. **Bringing that purpose to life takes all of us!**

RECONNECT. If it's been a while since you participated in a chapter activity, we'd love to welcome you back! Whether you're a longtime member or recently joined, your experience and perspective have a place here. **We're actively planning upcoming events so be on the lookout for more information!**

REENERGIZE. What would get you excited about participating? A practical educational topic? An informal gathering? A chance to exchange ideas with other case managers? **I'd love to hear what would make chapter involvement feel worthwhile and doable for you.**

REIMAGINE. **Let's think together about what our chapter could become.** We can explore new ways to connect, different meeting formats, and opportunities for members to contribute that fit their interests and schedules.

My hope is that each member will find **one small way to engage**—attend an event, share an idea, invite a colleague, or lend a hand. Those individual contributions can build the momentum we need.

I remain enthusiastic about our profession and the possibilities for SOV-CMSA. **Let's reconnect, reenergize, and reimagine what we can do together!**

Warmly,

Mary Beth Newman, MSN, RN, CMGT-BC, CCM, FCM
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NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK!

October 11-17, 2026

SOV-CMSA receives Governor's Proclamation for National Case Management Week!



SOV-CMSA is pleased to share that we requested and received a proclamation from the Governor of Ohio recognizing Case Management Week, October 11–17, 2026!

This recognition celebrates the valuable contributions case managers make in helping individuals and families navigate healthcare, access needed services, and achieve better outcomes. We're proud to celebrate our members and colleagues whose expertise, compassion, and advocacy make a difference every day.

NATIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK!

October 11-17, 2026

Celebrating Us!

Reconnect. Recognize. Reignite. Rise.

Four words. One powerful celebration of case management.



Celebrate National Case Management Week!

Join SOV-CMSA and the Case Management Society of America (CMSA) in celebrating **National Case Management Week, October 11–17, 2026!**

This special week recognizes the expertise, compassion, and advocacy case managers bring to helping individuals and families navigate healthcare, connect with resources, and move toward their health goals.

With the theme “**Reconnect. Recognize. Reignite. Rise.**”, CMSA is extending the celebration throughout October with education, networking, advocacy, and opportunities to recognize our profession. It’s an invitation to reconnect with colleagues, recognize our collective impact, and renew our enthusiasm for the work we do.

Here at SOV-CMSA, we’re proud to celebrate our members and the many ways you make a difference. Take a moment to thank a colleague, share a case management success, or participate in a CMSA activity. Your contributions deserve recognition—and your experiences can inspire others!

Explore the celebration schedule and resources at [CMSA’s Case Management Week page](#).



#CMWEEK2026 SCHEDULE

October is for case managers!
CMSA Case Management Week Events are
FREE and open to **ALL**.
Prizes will be awarded to a randomly selected
winner at each event!
(Must be present to win.)



Date	Time	Virtual Events	CEs (pending)
Thursday 10/1	All Day	Kick off Case Management Month with a curated Spotify playlist and a chance to win by participating in our CM Week Treasure Hunt, plus more fun ways to celebrate and honor the incredible impact of case managers everywhere!	-
Tuesday 10/6	Noon Eastern	WEBINAR: The Other Vital Signs: Reimagining Healthcare Through Social Drivers of Health Presented by Wiara Jackson, LCSW, CCM	RN, SW, CCM, CNLCP
Wednesday 10/7	All Day	DAY OF ADVOCACY Join CMSA for the 2026 Day of Advocacy! CMSA's Public Policy Committee has created an Advocacy Toolkit to help case managers get involved at the national, state, and local levels. With resources focused on key priorities including workforce development, rural health, mental and behavioral health, and maternal and female health, the toolkit makes it easy to advocate in whatever capacity works for you.	-
Sunday 10/11	All Day	Connect with your community by engaging on CMSA socials –Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram & X!	-
Monday 10/12	6 p.m. Eastern	CASE MANAGER MIXER: Where Case Management Happens Join CMSA President, Jenny Quigley-Stickney, for a fun, interactive mixer celebrating the many places case managers make an impact. Connect with colleagues, share where and how you practice, and discover just how diverse the case management community really is. Come ready to mix, mingle and celebrate the profession that connects us all!	-
Tuesday 10/13	3 p.m. Eastern	WEBINAR: From Volume to Value: Where Value-Based Care is Going and What It Means for Case Managers Presented by Alex Bardakh, MPP, CAE, PLC	RN, SW, CCM, CNLCP
Wednesday 10/14	1 p.m. Eastern	WEBINAR: The Future of Case Management: AI, Ethics, and Human-Centered Care Presented by Angela Patterson, DNP, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, FAANP & Sherrie McNutt, RN, BSN, ANP-BC, CCM, COHN-S(R)	RN, SW, CCM, CNLCP
Thursday 10/15	1 p.m. Eastern	WEBINAR: The Evolving Knowledge Base of Professional Case Management: Introducing the New CMSA Core Curriculum Presented by Hussein Tahan, PhD, RN, FAAN, FCM	RN, SW, CCM, CNLCP
Friday 10/16	2 p.m. Eastern	LIVE SPONSOR TREASURE HUNT Join us for a live virtual treasure hunt featuring our CM Month sponsors! Explore sponsor resources, uncover clues, and complete the hunt for a fun, interactive way to connect with the organizations supporting CM Month.	-
Tuesday 10/20	2 p.m. Eastern	WEBINAR: Advocacy in Action: Using Your Story to Influence Healthcare, Policy, and Practice Presented by Colleen Morley, DNP, RN, CCM, CMAC, CMCN, CMGT-BC, ACM-RN, FCM, FAACM in partnership with Pfizer's Multicultural Health Equity Collective.	-
Thursday 10/22	6 p.m. Eastern	LIVE ACTIVITY: Open House with CMSA Special Interest Groups Join CMSA's SIG advisory panels to learn more about their work and discover opportunities to get involved. Explore groups focused on Behavioral Health, Public Policy, International, Rural, and Military/VA/DoD.	-
Wednesday 10/28	Noon Eastern	WEBINAR: Elevating Case Management: Reconnect, Recognize, Reignite, Rise Presented by Marianne DiMola	RN, CCM, CNLCP

Click [HERE](#) to see schedule online and register.
CE Webinars are **FREE TO ALL!**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Micro-Credential Program

Validate Real-World UM Skills with a CMSA-Issued Microcredential



Validate your skills | Strengthen Performance | Advance Your Role
WITHOUT THE TIME COMMITMENT OF FULL CERTIFICATION.

A focused, practical way to demonstrate real-world utilization management skills.

CMSA Utilization Management (UM) Micro Credential Overview

The Utilization Management (UM) Micro Credential is designed for healthcare professionals seeking to demonstrate foundational knowledge and applied skills in utilization management. The credential validates competence in medical necessity review, documentation, care coordination, and payer-provider collaboration within modern healthcare delivery systems.

The UM Micro Credential is a focused, competency-based credential that emphasizes practical application and scenario-based decision-making related to UM roles and responsibilities.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

FROM THE CMSA COMMUNITY

The Many Faces of Case Management



A Tapestry of Blogs, Volume 2

A Curated Collection of Reflections from CMSA

These blogs, written by case managers across the country, represent not only their personal journeys but also the broader, evolving story of case management itself. As you delve into these stories, you will encounter diverse perspectives and experiences, each offering unique insights into the multifaceted world of case management.

From navigating complex healthcare systems to advocating for patient rights, these blogs illustrate the incredible dedication and skill that case managers bring to their roles. We are innovators, problem-solvers, and compassionate guides, working tirelessly to ensure that individuals receive the care and support they need.

Click [HERE](#)
to order and
save 26%!

BUILD YOUR PROFESSIONAL FOUNDATION

A banner for the CMSA Novice Pathways course. It features the CMSA logo (a heart with a pulse line) and the text "CMSA Case Management Society of America". The word "Novice" is in a script font, and "PATHWAYS" is in large, bold, blue capital letters. To the right, it says "Scope of CM Practice for Professional Case Managers". Below this, it says "Discover the foundation of professional case management with our self-paced online course." and "2.5 Hours RN, SW & CCM. Only \$59 for members!". There is a yellow starburst that says "AVAILABLE NOW". On the right side, there is a photo of two women in professional attire talking, and a QR code.

Novice Pathways - Build Your Case Management Foundation!

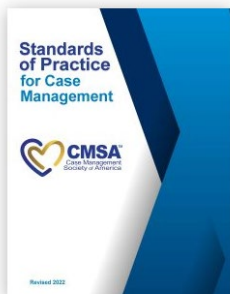
New to case management or looking for a refresher? CMSA's **Novice Pathways: Scope of CM Practice for Professional Case Managers** explores the foundation of professional case management.

- This self-paced, on-demand online course provides a comprehensive look at the **scope, standards, and real-world application of professional case management practice.**
- Designed for **both new and experienced** case managers to strengthen confidence and competence in any practice setting.

A practical learning opportunity for case managers to build confidence, knowledge, and professional identity. [Click HERE for more information and to register!](#)

PUT STANDARDS OF PRACTICE INTO EVERYDAY PRACTICE!

Standards of Professional Case Management Practice



The CMSA Standards of Practice provide a professional framework that guides safe, ethical, person-centered case management and promotes quality, consistency, and accountability across care settings.

Whether you are a department leader building a sustainable workforce or a new case manager looking for a solid foundation, the Standards of Practice are your roadmap to professional excellence in case management.

The standards of practice are available to members for free! [Click HERE to download!](#)

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

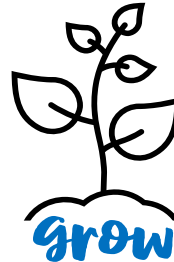
Help us make **SOV-CMSA Connections** a place to connect with colleagues, celebrate successes, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.

SOV-CMSA Connections should reflect the people who make up our chapter—and that includes you. What are you working on? What have you learned that might help another case manager? What would you like to see our chapter offer?

Perhaps you've earned a certification, started a new role, found a useful resource, or tried an approach that made your work easier. You might have a community resource to highlight or a topic you'd like us to address in a future educational session. These are all things worth sharing!

You don't need to write a formal article. A few sentences, a photo with a caption, or a link with a brief explanation is a great start. If you have an idea but aren't sure how to put it together, reach out—we can help.

Email info@sov-cmsa.org to send us something for an upcoming issue!



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