

# Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals

## 2025 Annual Conference and Industry Partner Expo

## **Important Policies and Procedure**

## **Disclaimers:**

By attending 2025 AHVAP Annual Conference and Supplier Expo, all attendees, exhibiting companies and personnel automatically provide their approval for AHVAP and its affiliates to use their likeness and/or quotes in any publications, web site(s), and marketing/promotional materials. By providing your information to AHVAP, and registering for this event, you consent to our Privacy Policy which can be viewed at <u>www.ahvap.org</u> and to the cancellation policies at the end of this form.

## **Refund Policy:**

Registrants unable to attend the conference in-person may submit a cancellation request. Notice of cancellation should be emailed to *info@ahvap.org*. AHVAP can't be held liable for nonrefundable airline tickets, hotel, or other costs. 70% of your registration fees are refundable if written notice is received by 5:00 P.M. Eastern on August 22, 2025. No-shows are non-refundable. Any refunds due will be issued once the Conference ends. After August 22, 2025, all fees/credits toward the Conference are forfeited. Please allow 6-8 weeks for all refunds to be completed.

Registrants unable to attend may send a substitute. If the substitute is not an AHVAP member or is a different member type, the registration cost differential must be paid in advance.

Payment to join or renew AHVAP membership is not refundable. All refunds will be made using the same method of payment (credit card or check) as the original transaction.

### **Travel Cancellations:**

AHVAP cannot be held liable for non-refundable airline tickets or hotel room deposits. AHVAP suggests that you do not purchase restricted or non-refundable tickets for travel to the annual meeting. AHVAP assumes no liability for penalties or fare increases should the 2025 AHVAP Annual Conference and Supplier Expo sell out or in the unlikely event changes to the 2025 AHVAP Annual Conference and Supplier Expo dates and location become necessary. Hotel reservations, cancellations, and charges are the attendee's responsibility.

## Language and Americans with Disabilities Act Statement:

English is the official language of the conference. Closed captioning and ASL are not available; however, any attendee requiring ADA accommodations is welcome to bring a caregiver/assistant with them to the conference at no additional charge.

## **Transfer Policies:**

You may transfer your ticket, as long as you let us know in writing at least 14 days before the event starts. To request a ticket transfer, please email info@ahvap.org with your email confirmation. Include the new attendee's name and email.

## Additional Conference Policies:

In order to complete your registration, please review this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release and click "I agree" below.

## COVID-19 Policy:

COVID-19 vaccination is not required for participation in the AHVAP Annual Conference and Industry Partner Expo. Attendees are encouraged to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention policies and consult with their personal healthcare provider regarding appropriate prevention modalities. The use of masks or face coverings are not required for participation in the AHVAP Annual Conference and Industry Partner Expo. AHVAP Management reserves the right to change these policies at any time based on current public health recommendations.

## EVENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE:

For the purposes of this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release, references to "we," "our" "us" or "AHVAP" shall be to the Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals and its affiliates. References to "you," "your" and similar words in this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release are to the individual registering for the Event and who is agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release. You have all necessary right, authority and consent to enter into the terms of this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release or, if you are completing this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release on behalf of another individual, you attest that you have received express authority from that individual to enter into this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release on their behalf and that individual has reviewed and accepted the terms of same. You understand that accepting the Event Terms and Conditions and this Event Participation Agreement are a prerequisite to registering and attending the Event.

- 1. You hereby represent and warrant that you are at least 18 years old as of the first date of the Event.
- 2. You agree to comply with the Event Terms and Conditions and any other Event rules enforced by us from time to time which are communicated to you or made available online and that your failure to comply with same may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, your immediate removal from the Event without refund of your registration fee or payment of any other costs related to your attendance at the Event and/or loss of your ability to attend future AHVAP events.
- 3. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to any communicable disease by attending the Event including, but not limited to, COVID-19 and you voluntarily assume all risks related to your exposure to same.
- 4. You agree that AHVAP shall not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage to your personal property caused by or in connection with your participation in the Event, unless caused directly by the gross negligence of willful misconduct of AHVAP.
- 5. You agree that if any term or provision of this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other term or provision herein nor invalidate or render unenforceable that term or provision in any other jurisdiction. All matters arising out of or relating to this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release are to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. Any claim or cause of action arising under this Event Participation Agreement and Waiver and Release must be brought only in the state or federal courts located in Delaware, and the parties hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts.

To ensure the best possible experience for all registrants, we, AHVAP have established some basic guidelines for participation.

We are committed to creating a safe environment that is inclusive and free from discrimination, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, transgender status, age, physical or cognitive ability, veteran or marital status or any other protected categories under applicable law.

By registering for the Event, you agree that you have read and will follow these rules and guidelines.

#### **Expected Behavior**

- Be considerate of those around you.
- Be respectful of others and viewpoints that may be different from your own.
- Be mindful of your words and actions.

• As an attendee at the Event you will be required to follow all COVID guidelines and restrictions that have been put in place by the CDC and the local jurisdiction. Some restrictions could include but are not limited to: wearing a face mask, social distancing, etc.

#### **Unacceptable Behavior**

Unacceptable behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- Offensive or unwanted behavior or language related to race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, transgender status, age, physical or cognitive ability, veteran or marital status or any other protected categories under applicable law.
- Visual harassment, such as sexual images or sexual language at the Event, including presentations and slide decks.
- Intimidation or bullying, both online and/or in-person.
- Sharing your event registration or making event content available to an AHVAP competitor.
- Sharing your event registration with another person(s). This includes sharing exhibit hall badges or event badges with unauthorized parties that are not the registrant.
- Failure to follow any of the rules or regulations of the Event or instructions of the Event staff.

• Posting commercial or self-promotional messages of any kind except as approved through exhibit rules or with written permission.

• Engaging in sales or lead-generation of any kind except as approved through exhibit rules or with written permission.

- Fielding or promoting surveys of any kind without written permission.
- Promoting job openings for their employer without written permission.

• Discussing a topic or topics involving any possible anticompetitive practice, including but not limited to:

- Prices, rates, discounts, or other price-related information; Salaries or other compensation information;
- Nonpublic plans for expansion (new facilities, new services);
- Specific customers or classes of customers, or whether you will or will not do business with them;
- Allocation of geographic or service markets;
- Any refusal to deal with a health plan, self-funded employer, or supplier;
- How to deal with the market behavior of a competitor.
- Any other improper or illegal activity not already covered above.

### **Reporting Unacceptable Behavior**

If you are the subject of, or witness any violations of these Terms, email <u>info@ahvap.org</u> or report them immediately to an AHVAP staff member.

### Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior

Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated and could result in debarment from current, and/or any future AHVAP event. If a participant is seen engaging in unacceptable behavior, AHVAP may take any action they deem appropriate, up to and including expulsion from the

Event without warning or refund, and/or involving venue security or local law enforcement. The AHVAP Executive Director reserves the right to remove any disruptive party from the conference venue for violations of this policy.

#### Views

The views expressed by any event attendee, speaker, exhibitor or sponsor are not necessarily those of AHVAP. All event attendees, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors are solely responsible for the content of all individual or corporation presentations, marketing collateral, advertising and online content.

### Statement of Mutual Respect

One goal of the Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals is to provide the highest level of relevant and rewarding continuing education in health care. Because of the cultural diversity and changing demographics of AHVAP members and event attendees, speakers must be sensitive to everyone in the audience.

• Sexist, discriminatory, or other similarly insensitive language and practices are totally unacceptable.

• Any harm claimed by any member of the audience shall be the sole responsibility of the speaker. Speakers are urged to avoid all potentially offensive language.

• The presentation should focus on the professional content and not a speaker's personal beliefs or philosophy.

• Speakers should embrace a cosmopolitan communication style that is sensitive to differences in gender, race, sexual orientation, age, religion, politics, and disabilities.

• Speakers are encouraged to make no assumptions about those in the group other than a common interest in the content area delineated in the printed meeting materials.

### Communications

By registering, program participants agree to refrain from marketing products or services during the course of the event. This may include, but is not limited to:

• **Digital** – Participants will not post solicitous messaging, sales promotions, or unprofessional notations utilizing the virtual conference platform features. It is the sole

discretion of AHVAP to remove messages that do not comply with our guidelines and/or remove participant access entirely.

• **Email** – Participants will not send solicitous messages to other conference registrants. AHVAP prohibits companies from sending any solicitous advertising (emails, mail, other) falsely conveying that they are representing the AHVAP 2025 Annual Conference & Industry Partner Expo. AHVAP reserves the right to exclude that company from participation in the event.

• **Logo** – AHVAP logo and Conference logo may not be used without the express written permission of AHVAP.

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