

The President's Corner

On August 14, 2009 NAME (Amy Edwards, President and John Hill, Governmental Affairs) met with representatives from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)/Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) to provide an annual update on the status of school-based Medicaid. The Parental Consent 34 CFR 300.154(a)(1) issues were discussed at length. Kathy Merry, Wayne RESA Michigan, Larry Charny, New York City Public Schools, Bruce Hunter, American Association of School Administrators and Nancy Reder, National Association of State Directors of Special Education clearly articulated the significant negative impact that the regulation has had on School-Based Medicaid reimbursements. The group pointed out that the parental consent was already addressed in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and 34 CFR 300.154(a)(1) places an undue burden on the local schools.

— Amy Edwards, NAME President

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"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men"

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, "the liberal lion" of the Senate died at his home in Hyannis Port after battling a brain tumor. He was 77. For nearly a half-century in the Senate, Kennedy supported the causes of the working class and the poor. He was a powerful voice on education, health care, civil rights, and war and peace. He was the chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and a key figure in the adoption of the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act. "He wrote the law that makes health insurance more portable if you lose your job, as well as the law that expands Medicaid to cover children with special needs." [Ted Kennedy's imprint](#)

In the Media

"How much the federal money has succeeded in stabilizing schools depends on the state....in Arizona, California, Georgia and a dozen other states with overwhelming deficits, the federal money has failed to prevent the most extensive school layoffs in several decades, experts said".[After stimulus, schools still face cuts](#). ¶It makes it clear that school districts ... may be held legally liable for placements that the parents make on their own."[Finite resources](#) ¶"As breaches show, data still isn't all that secure ... Zero in on specifically personal data, let's say HIPAA Insurance ... The government and the media for some reason keep portraying these breaches as being carried out by super-hackers. The reality is, when you look at how they are doing it, they're using low-tech means...." [Electronic health records confidentiality security](#) .

¶"A high-school cleanup bungle that left boxes of confidential student records dumped on a Manhattan street had education officials red-faced yesterday -- and City Hall fuming." [Versus traditional paper records security](#)

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