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**National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.**

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*"NAME Bridges Medicaid and Education to Promote Integrity in School Based Health Services"*

## A LAST MINUTE REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER

**8th Annual Conference, September 22-24, Williamsburg, VA**

[http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=193&Itemid=57](http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=193&Itemid=57)

Keep yourself updated by frequently checking the developing conference schedule on the NAME website!

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

As you may already know, Teresa Pastore resigned her position as President-Elect to spend more time with her immediate and extended family. The good news for NAME, is that she has graciously consented to continue with her Conference Committee work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Teresa for her long-time service as committee chair, board member, officer and friend. Her hard work and perseverance has been an invaluable asset to us these many years. Teresa, NAME could not have provided so many successful and meaningful conferences without you! And we are so thankful you will remain with NAME and continue to grace our endeavors with your many talents.

Denise Achin has accepted and the Board approved her appointment as our President Elect. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Denise. As our newly appointed President-Elect, Denise will serve out the remainder of Teresa's term and sit for election as President at September's Conference. I hope most of you will be joining us in historic Williamsburg for our training Conference, Sept. 22-24! My term will come to an end as you vote for the incoming President at NAME's annual membership meeting on Friday the 24th. I have enjoyed my year as NAME President and look forward to my term as Immediate Past President and Co-Chair of the 2011 Conference Committee. See y'all soon in Virginia!

Michelle Lyons-Brown, (Alaska) President

### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

On July 20, 2010, OSERS/OSEP hosted a joint CMS/OSERS/NAME. The main focus of the meeting was the special education regulation at 34 CFR § 330.154(d)(2)(iv)(A) which requires schools to get parental consent prior to seeking Medicaid reimbursement for health related services they provide pursuant to students' Individualized Education Programs. Represented at this meeting were: Jennifer Sheehy, OSERS; Mary Louise Dirrigl, OSERS; Deborah Morrow, OSEP, Judi Wallace, CMS; John Hill, NAME; Kathy Merry, LEANet; Thom Adams, CASE; Nancy Reder, NASDSE; Patti Kem, Cooperative Services (Special Education Coop form Northern IN) and Larry Charny, CNYSEA. Topics discussed were the financial and administrative burdens that this special education regulation has placed on schools. The group also discussed the difficult position schools face due to conflicting provisions of Medicaid TPL (third party liability) and Special Education FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) regulations.

### EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

2009 Biennial Survey Analysis is Underway. The NAME Education and Research Committee's Data Work Group is busy analyzing the findings of the 2009 Biennial Survey. Preliminary findings will be presented in a Nugget at the 2010 NAME Conference in Williamsburg, VA. A report of findings is scheduled to be sent to members of NAME by late December and preliminary findings are part of a Nugget Session at the 2010 Annual Conference during September in Williamsburg, VA. We appreciate all the time and energy from state Medicaid and Education Agencies who completed the survey.

### CHECK OUT OSEP' OFFICIAL LETTER OF RESPONSE ADDRESSING PARENTAL CONSENT:

[OSEP Letter to LEANet August 2010](#)