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President's Corner

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Greetings to the members of NAME:

Welcome to Spring! Hopefully most of you can see the light at the end of the tunnel or snow bank—which ever you have. We are excited to share some important updates with you.

NAME has taken an important step in its organization that will enhance communication with our partners and build membership. We have appointed an Executive Director. The Board of Directors made this decision in January 2014 to appoint NAME's first-ever Executive Director, charter member and former NAME President, John Hill from Indiana. See the official announcement of his appointment below. We are looking forward to working with John to implement NAME's vision: *“NAME Envisions the Day When Public Policy Values Children's Health as Essential to Learning”*, and our mission: *“Name Advocates Program Integrity for School Based Medicaid Reimbursement”*.

You may also have noticed that the NAME website has been “re-tooled”. This includes updates to our platform which now allows the site to be easily viewed on all electronic devices (smartphones, tablets, etc.). If you run into any problems, broken links or you aren't sure where to find something, simply email the NAME Web Committee at WebCommittee@medicaidforeducation.org

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NAME News

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Selects First-Ever Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME), at its January 2014 meeting, approved a contract to obtain Executive Director services with one of its Past Presidents, John Hill, effective April 1, 2014. Mr. Hill is a founding member of NAME and has served as the Chair of its Governmental Affairs & Public Relations Committee since 2006.

The NAME organization, chartered in 2003, brings together professionals who have an interest in Medicaid reimbursement for medically related services and Medicaid outreach delivered in the nation's public schools. The organization's 300-plus members include individuals from state agencies, local public schools, federal agencies, consultants, vendors, national and state professional organizations and advocates, with members from nearly every state. NAME promotes networking, provides pertinent and timely information to its members, and hosts educational webinars and an annual conference.

Mr. Hill's career has focused on state and federal-level policy affecting individuals with disabilities. He previously managed Indiana's Home & Community-Based Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and served as the Director of Indiana's Bureau of Developmental Disabilities. More recently, Hill worked for the Indiana Department of Education where his assignments included addressing racial/ethnic disproportionality in special education and was the Department's liaison with the state Medicaid agency to enhance Medicaid reimbursement to Indiana's public schools for medically related education services and Medicaid outreach.

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News from the Regions 1-2-3

Region 2 Update -

Kathy Merry (MI) Tracy Brunner (IN) and Jim Donoghue (IA)

NAME's Region 2 consists of these states: Alabama; Arkansas; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Louisiana; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Ohio; Oklahoma; Puerto Rico; Texas; US Virgin Islands; and Wisconsin.

NAME National Survey of the States in Region 2. One of the most important projects NAME does is conduct the *biennial national survey of the states*—in which the individuals in each state's Medicaid and Education agencies who work in the Medicaid school based services program, are asked to complete a survey collecting data about their program. NAME has learned over the years that the turnover in these positions is somewhat frequent, so it is not always easy to find the right individuals to participate in the survey.

Members of the NAME Leadership Team are charged to assist the Survey Subcommittee locate the appropriate people. In Region 2 we are pleased we made contact in early 2014 with many new colleagues from states in the Region, listed below. All of them committed to work on completing the 2013 survey which closes on April 15, 2014 (*see other article elsewhere in this issue*). For those new to NAME's survey, we welcome your expertise and insights. For the veteran members, thank you for your continued participation.

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2014 Conference Committee

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Steven Wright (NY) and Kelly Gicobbi (NY), Co-Chairs

The 2014 NAME Conference Committee has been very busy over the last few months preparing for the biggest event of the NAME year, our Annual Conference. As you may know, this year's

Conference will be held in **Niagara Falls, New York from Tuesday afternoon through Friday morning, September 16 – 19, 2014**. Each year's planners hope to exceed previous year's successes, and our Committee is no different. (*Are you reading this, Jane Reagan?*). We sincerely hope many of you will be attending to make this the most successful NAME Conference ever!

For all the recent updates please check our [Conference Homepage](#).

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12th Annual NAME Conference



Fall

For Medicaid in Education

September 16-19, 2014

Niagara Falls, New York

More Committee News

Education and Research Committee

Amy Edwards (VA), Chair, NAME 2013 Biennial Survey Subcommittee

NAME Biennial Survey Remains Open Until April 15

The NAME 2013 Biennial Survey is underway and in the *final month* of data collection! The information obtained in this survey of the states' Medicaid School Based programs, adds to our database from previous surveys, and shows trends over time and across the country. Over the years the report has also assisted states in policy development, Medicaid State Plan amendments, and assessing how their program compares with others. The survey data has also been provided to federal agencies such as OSEP when they finalized the IDEA parental consent regulations. The report is more valuable when all states participate. There are still several states whose Medicaid and Education agency staff have not completed the survey. We strongly encourage you to complete the survey TODAY, or by April 15, at this link:

<http://research.zarca.com/k/SsUVURsQSXsPsPsP>

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More Committee News

**The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME)
will host a Teleconference:**

NAME with Benefits

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

2-4pm (Eastern); 1-3pm (Central); 12-2pm (Mountain, except AZ-11am-1pm);
11am-1pm (Pacific); 10am-12pm (Alaska); 9-11am (Hawaii)

Content: This call will provide information about the NAME organization as a whole, with a review of membership, the leadership team, services and resources available to members as well as the public. We will take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of the members-only website whether you are a NAME member or not and reveal our new, updated website!!

Presenter: **Glenelle Bruneste**– Teleconference Hostess
Jeremy Ford/Cathy Bennett- Web Committee
Sheila Costa- Membership Committee
Denise Achin/Jane Reagan- Communications Committee

Who should participate: Any individuals interested in or involved with Medicaid cost recovery for public schools, including but not limited to LEA personnel, Medicaid agencies, Department of Education consultants, billing companies, current members of NAME, future members of NAME and those who don't know what NAME is and would like to find out!

The purpose of this call is to:

- explain member benefits (some members don't know what they are missing!)
- offer information about membership in the NAME organization
- discuss opportunities for leadership
- give an overview of the newly upgraded NAME website
- tour the members-only section
- review how NAME communicates with members and the public
- respond to participants' questions

Please follow this link to register- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZRNMGGB>

Please register by **May 5, 2014**. You will not receive an immediate registration confirmation. You will receive an email one week prior to the call that will contain the number and password to call in and a link to find materials and resources.

Thank you! We are grateful for your interest!!

NAME Education and Research Committee