The President’s Corner

Dear NAME members,

We are proud to be a part of an organization that has leaders and members who are working on your behalf, are on top of current events and readily share their knowledge. Most recently, several of our members submitted and shared comments made to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to proposed regulation (CMS6028-P).

(click here for full article):

Sincerely,

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Education & Research Committee Update

Save the Date! Mark January 25, 2011, 2pm ET on your calendar to participate in the next NAME National Topical Phone Call featuring a discussion of the “2009 Biennial Survey Report on Medicaid in Education”. Data drives almost everything these days, and the results of this important national survey have implications for all of us. From the comfort of your cubicle, join hundreds of your colleagues from across the country to hear the story of this survey, how school districts access Medicaid resources, what services are covered, and other issues revealed in the survey results. [click here for full article]

Governmental Affairs and Public Relations

Check the NAME web page in January 2011, to see the written response from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in which they answer a number of the questions that were submitted to them prior to and during their presentation at the 2010 NAME Conference in Colonial Williamsburg.

Regional Update: From Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

Most states within our Region are dealing with budget issues. Georgia is in the process of getting their Medicaid School Based Services administrative claiming State Plan revised and approved by CMS. North Carolina’s Medicaid agency is busy working on implementing the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (H.R. 3590) Section 6507 (Mandatory State Use of National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

Membership Committee Update

We are working to ‘grow’ NAME and encouraging potential members who work in our field of Medicaid and Education to join our organization. We strive to improve the quality of services our members enjoy, such as the Annual Conference, this E-tag newsletter, the national topical calls, and the biennial survey of all the states. If you know someone who could be a member of NAME, remind them that it is very affordable and simple to apply. If you did not attend the 2010 Conference and you have not renewed your membership yet then your membership is set to expire on December 31, 2010. To renew or join just click here “Join NAME.”

NAME 2011 Annual Conference October 11-14, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The contract has been signed, the committee continues to plan, the weather is always perfect…..all we need is YOU! Join us in Albuquerque, New Mexico the week after the Balloon Fiesta as we “Aspire to New Heights with Medicaid in Education”. Keep watching the Annual Conference web page for regular updates.

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