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Medicaid in Education

Knowledge Quiz Questions:

1. In what year was the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act first enacted?
2. What was the year that Medicaid was first enacted?
3. How many states have current members in NAME?
4. Which Social Security Act Title chapter represents Medicaid federal statutes?
5. What exactly does FMAP stand for?
6. Who is widely considered the founder of the Special Olympics?
7. Where was the NAME annual conference in 2009?

Answers found on page 2

President’s Corner

Dear NAME Members:

It is an honor and privilege to have been elected as your President for 2012-13. I know I speak for the rest of the NAME Board of Directors when I say we look forward to serving you and the organization in the coming year.

My dedication and service to NAME began in 2005. I specifically remember the awesomeness of the annual conference in Seattle, Washington. Starting out in the Medicaid-in-Education field, I was quite intimidated, but very impressed by all the members of the organization and their history and experience in the field. It certainly far out-weighed my own.

As I continued down my path in NAME, as Board Director, Treasurer, President-Elect and now, as President; I am still very much impressed by its members—not only in the history and experience each brings to the table, but by your dedication, determination and commitment to the work you do. My intimidation has since passed. It has been replaced by admiration and the knowledge that NAME is a resource for us—all of us. Making contact with all of you from across the country has given me perspective in my own job and has enriched my own life.

If I have one piece of advice for you, especially for the new members of NAME, it’s to dismiss your intimidation and reach out to the other members. There’s a pool of information at your fingertips. Talk to them—seek out their knowledge. It’s why we’re here. And as honored as I am to be your President for the coming year, I am equally as honored to be a member of NAME. Let my path in NAME show you a glimmer of what NAME can do for you, and what you can do for NAME. As much as it is a resource for you, I hope you will be a resource for others, through NAME. And in your day-to-day work activities, if you feel that NAME can make use of your talents; please contact me or any of our committee chairs. After all, NAME is what it is today because of you.

Lastly, and most importantly, the NAME Board of Directors expresses its deepest sympathy and sorrow for the recent events in Newtown, Connecticut. Those events hit to the heart of NAME—those schools are our schools, those children are our children. Children are why we do what we do, and we are all affected.

On behalf of the NAME Board of Directors, I hope you have a happy and safe new year.

Steven Wright (NY)
President

Committee News

Governmental Affairs Committee Update – John Hill (IN)

Parental Consent: While no decision has yet been announced, NAME is committed to working with the US Department of Education and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to resolve this important issue and has been instrumental in getting it addressed. NAME will continue to monitor and report any progress to its membership as soon as information is available from the federal government.
News from the Regions 1-2-3

Remember to log-on to the Member’s Only section for full articles
They can be found on the top menu > Keep Informed > Regional News

News from Region One -

Virginia Regional Medicaid Coordinators’ Meetings - Mary Hall and Ashley Harrell (VA)

Last year the Medicaid Specialist for the State of Virginia started hosting quarterly Medicaid Coordinators’ meetings in collaboration with the state Medicaid agency. The meetings are held at a location that is central for the state. Presenters have covered a large array of topics ranging from the new state Web portal for online billing, cost settlement-lessons learned, provider qualifications review, and random moment time study updates.

There is always time for question and answer sessions. The format allows for an open forum among the coordinators to share ideas and lessons learned. Several significant changes to our program have resulted from these meetings including clarification of our record retention policies and documentation for personal care services. It has proven to be an excellent venue for the exchange of ideas and information in an informal setting.

Please share with the NAME Regional Directors any updates from your state you would like to see in NAMEtag Regional Updates!

2013 Conference Update

11th Annual Conference “Great Lakes, Grand Insights”
Jane Reagan and Teresa Pastore, Conference Co-Chairs

Save the Dates!!

The 2013 Conference Committee began planning this summer and reminds you it’s not too early to begin your planning! Join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan Tuesday-Friday, October 8-11, 2013 for “Great Lakes, Grand Insights” the NAME 11th Annual Conference.

Grand Rapids is one of Michigan’s fastest-growing and coolest cities. Arrive early and enjoy Art Prize, the largest art competition in the world, from September 18 to October 6, 2013. Please visit http://www.artprize.org/ for more information.

Take advantage of beautiful Lake Michigan and its sandy beaches, numerous lighthouses, fresh water, camping, dining, golf, bicycling and countless other activities - all less than an hour drive from Grand Rapids.

To reserve your room with NAME’s group rate ($119 plus $16.66 tax/night) at the historic Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids click here OR call Grand Plaza Hotel Reservations Toll Free at (800) 253-3590 and ask for the NAME rate. Reservations Local Phone: (616) 776-6450.

Check back regularly at the NAME website www.medicaidforeducation.org/ and click on “Conference Corner” to view monthly updates about: professional development and networking opportunities; things to do in Grand Rapids; the charity NAME selects to benefit from Conference fundraisers; and the ‘call for presenters’, to name a few! We hope to see you October 2013 in Grand Rapids, Michigan in Grand style! For more information about the NAME 11th Annual Conference, click here.

In the Media

Communications Committee Mark Smith and Denise Achin, Co-Chairs

Recently from NAME’s Facebook… If you aren’t already a member of NAME’s Facebook page, we encourage you to ‘like’ us in order to stay updated on very timely news articles. To join, simply go to the Facebook home page, and search ‘NAME’. Once you find us, simply select ‘like’ and you’ll be connected to various articles related to subjects impacting school-based Medicaid services.

For those who have not recently visited the page, some recently posted articles:

◆ Editorial: Fix Broken Mental Health System (USA Today)
  http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/01/10/mental-illness-mass-murders/1566230/

◆ Disability Programs Still Vulnerable After ‘Fiscal Cliff’ Deal
  http://www.disabilityscoop.com/2013/01/08/disability-fiscal-cliff-deal/17025/

◆ Hamilton County Schools get $1.3 million boost from TennCare
NAME Members Corner

NAME Member Profiles – Communications Committee

Many people reported at the conference how much they appreciate getting to know people and what they do in their work roles. In an effort to keep that spark going, NAMEtag offers these member profiles as a way to help others get to know people involved in NAME outside of the conference. This issue features Anysia Drumheller from California and Eric Rolseth from Hawaii:

Anysia Drumheller—California

So, Anysia, where do you work?
I work for Butte County (CA) Office of Education.

Tell us about your job.
I oversee the Administrative Claiming and the Direct Service Billing programs for the county office of education, and also for some of the school districts in our county. I also participate on the state’s LEA ad hoc committee that works with the state’s Department of Health Care Services on the Direct Service Billing program for schools.

How long have you been with NAME?
I have been with NAME since 2005 and have been the Membership Committee Chair since 2008. I have been the LEA At-Large Board Member since 2012.

How have you benefitted from your participation in NAME?
I have created great networks and contacts not only with other LEAs across America, but also with state DOE and DHS agencies. NAME has provided a great source of information that I have been able to share with my organization and other school districts that I work with. I have also made some wonderful friendships along the way.

What are some things you hope NAME will do in the coming years?
NAME has come a long way since I became a member. Members have worked hard to build relationships with federal agencies and facilitated dialogue between the U.S. Department of Education and CMS. I would like NAME to continue to keep these agencies talking and working together for the improvement of Medicaid services to students in schools.

Eric Rolseth—Hawaii

So Eric, where do you work?
I am located in Honolulu, where I spearhead Hawaii’s school-based services program. Hawaii has only one statewide school district, so while I work at the state level; my interaction with our sole school district is more integrated into local operations than some other states.

Tell us about your job.
Well, I’m sure many people think being in Hawaii is a permanent vacation, but it isn’t. I think my job is pretty similar to many NAME members - working with school administrators to ensure the district is meeting Medicaid compliance and keeping adequate documentation.

How long you’ve been with NAME?
I have been a member of NAME since 2006.

How have you benefitted from your participation in NAME?
NAME has presented me with opportunities to gather a considerable amount of valuable information to optimize our program in a way I could never realize without the interaction with other school-based services program leaders across the US.

What are some things you hope NAME will do in the coming years?
I think NAME needs to continue to develop relationships at the national level, in particular with CMS. I think the days when CMS would not be willing to meet with us are now past, but we should strive to have more direct interaction with them at upcoming conferences. As many of us know, there is no substitute for direct, person-to-person interactions.

Aloha to all my fellow NAME members!
NAME Conference 2012
A Few of Our Sponsor Booths
NAME thanks everyone who participated to make our conference such a success!