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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”*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we head into Spring, you may have noticed all things health-care related heating up along with the weather! NAME is working hard to bring you the most accurate and current information related to Medicaid changes in this bill that will affect School-based services. This is no small feat in the dynamic atmosphere around health care reform we've been experiencing. Now that the dust has settled a bit, NAME's committees are working to connect information about these changes to our current activities; conference speakers and sessions for Williamsburg in September, and eTag and Website articles, for example. As always with such far reaching and complex legislation, it takes a little while to sort out the details but NAME is committed to bringing the best information to our members as quickly as we can. Please stay tuned!

Michelle Lyons-Brown, (Alaska) President

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Will Health Care reform affect public schools? Most agree there will be an impact; it's too soon for consensus on what that will be. Increased health care access promises to improve students' health, potentially reducing absences and other health-related disruptions to academic progress. Another positive result of improved health outcomes for all citizens may be reduced numbers of students with disabling conditions.

What about Health Care reform's impact on Medicaid reimbursements for school-based services? Expanded eligibility will present additional opportunities for Medicaid cost sharing in covered IEP medical services and school-based Medicaid administrative activities. Similarly, eliminating life time caps on health coverage policies may also open up new possibilities to bill private insurance for IEP services.

Possibly on the down side: if new mandates overburden State budgets, then any associated state funding cuts could threaten state funding of education programs.

## IN THE MEDIA

“In the debate over education reform, charter schools have been criticized for not serving enough special-education students compared to regular public schools. One new charter on Staten Island is actively recruiting children who don't fit in.” [special ed in charters](#). “Indiana is trying to shift hundreds of foster children with medical, emotional or behavioral problems into cheaper care for children without special needs, a move that cuts payments to families who care for the state's most challenged children.” [less cash for more children in need](#) “Parents of a child with learning disabilities can sue a school district for ignoring the problems and failing to arrange tutoring or other educational help, a federal appeals court ruled Monday.” [school liable in special ed case](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

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

### **Call For Presenters**

The 2010 conference planning continues. We are now accepting proposals for presentations. Some topics could include, but are not limited to: Cost based reimbursement, Medicaid Eligibility, Outreach, Administrative Claiming, Direct Services Billing, Provider Qualifications, Health Care Reform, and much more. We are seeking proposals from individuals, teams and panels to present break-out and/or nugget sessions. If you are interested please submit your proposal by April 22, 2010. Please click on the link for the application: [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)

The planning is already underway for our 2011 conference! We would like to know what you think about possible 2011 conference locations. Please take a moment to complete the survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011NAMEConferenceSiteSurvey>

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

<http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/pdf/>

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