

# NAME-Tag Plus

“NAME Advocates Program Integrity For School Based Medicaid Reimbursement”

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### President's Corner

Dear NAME Members:

#### Special points of interest:

- [Want to become a member of NAME?](#)
- [Annual Conference Information](#)

#### Preparing for Providence and NAME's Second Decade

Well, it's almost here. NAME's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is just days away and for almost 200 attendees, it will be four days of learning, innovating networking, meeting and socializing in the beautiful city of Providence, Rhode Island. This event is the culmination of the work of a small army of NAME volunteers who have spent all year planning, preparing and developing an outstanding program that will prepare you for the ebb and flow of your work every day.

*The Tides are Changing* for the NAME Leadership Team (Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons) too. The Conference marks the end of the NAME business year including terms of office for some Directors and Officers. Last year, there were many veterans leaving the Leadership Team and their experience in Medicaid or Special Education totaled more than 100 years of public service! We are lucky that such a significant turnover of leadership is not occurring this year. [<click here to read full article>](#)

Yours in good health,

*Jane Reagan* (MI) & *Steven Wright* (NY)  
 President                      President-Elect

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### 2012 Conference Update

We are so excited about the conference this year. We believe we have a solid program that mixes networking, learning, and socializing with colleagues from around the country.



Check out our conference page for the most up to date Program information. For those of you who have registered, we will be providing you with a link to conference materials for you to use in preparation for and while attending.

The NAME Early Bird registration rate ends on September 25, 2012. To save money, register before this date. If you do not have a reservation with the Providence Biltmore and would like to reserve a room for nights between 10/8/12 and 10/12/12, please contact Carol Shibley at the Biltmore [cshibley@providencebiltmore.org](mailto:cshibley@providencebiltmore.org). (There are limited Junior Suites available at the NAME rate of \$119/night plus tax for these dates.)

For those of you arriving early to take advantage of fall in New England, Providence has two incredible Breast Cancer events scheduled for the weekend of October 6.

The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation is hosting two signature events, one on Saturday 10/6 and the other on Sunday 10/7. For more information:

- \* Waterfire, Saturday October 6, 2012, Flames of Hope: <http://www.flamesofhope.com/>
- \* 5 K Run, Downtown Providence Sunday October 7, 2012 <http://gloriagemma5k.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1019236>

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NAME, Inc. would like to thank the following three companies for their generous support as a Gold Sponsor to the 9th Annual NAME Conference:

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## Where to find us

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Find us on Facebook 



Email: [info@medicaidforeducation.org](mailto:info@medicaidforeducation.org)

## News from the Regions 1-2-3

Remember to log in to the Members Only section for full articles  
Regional articles can be found on the top menu > Keep Informed > Regional News

### News from Region Three -

#### Update From California– Cathy Bennett (CA)

The result from a recent CMS audit has determined that California's School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) claims do not comply with the claiming plan for school-based services approved by CMS in 2003. CMS is deferring California's SMAA claims until adequate documentation can be provided. To read the deferral notice <[click here](#)>. CMS is requesting additional documentation including LEA's to provide certification of activities performed to support submitted invoices. In addition, The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) must submit a revised time study methodology and statewide claiming plan for use beginning July 1, 2012. DHCS is working with CMS and stakeholders to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. (Exceptions to this deferral include LAUSD which utilizes the recently approved RMTS, and Santa Barbara County Education Office-Special Education)

#### Update From Arizona - Melinda Hollinshead (AZ)

In July 2011, Arizona's Medicaid School Based Claiming program began operating under a Cost Based Reimbursement methodology. We have completed our first year of claiming and are preparing to begin the cost reporting phase of the program. As we reflect on lessons learned over our first year what we find is that much of what our LEAs do regarding the delivery of services, collecting supporting documentation and claims submission has not changed much under the new methodology. As a result the new methodology did not pose significant challenges for districts in the area of claiming. Gathering and submitting costs for those direct service providers was the aspect of the new program that was the most challenging for LEAs as it required additional resources to complete the reporting requirements. This will be even more true as we enter the annual cost report phase.

One of the important take-aways for Arizona districts from this first year is the importance of coordination among departments within the district. In order to be successful all the internal stakeholders, from the finance department, to human resources, to the school base coordinators must work together and share information in a timely way to complete all the tasks as hand. As we begin the annual cost collection phase, Arizona districts are using that knowledge to guide them.

< [Requires Member LOG IN](#) - [click here to read the article](#) >

## Committee News

### Communications Committee – Mark Smith (OH)

NAMEtag is our organization's publication that strives to share school-based services and the work of our organization's members. In order to further enhance our information-sharing, we also keep our membership informed with very current news and updates via our Facebook page. Articles related to Medicaid, special education, and health care reform topics, are routinely posted. We aim to post articles when they are 'hot off the presses' so if you aren't already a member, why not join NAME's Facebook page by following the link below to our Facebook page and selecting 'like' so you to can be part of our Facebook network. You can also simply search 'NAME' on Facebook and find us as well. NAME Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Alliance-for-Medicaid-in-Education/316636028116?ref=hl>

## Members Only Plus

### Annual Member Survey — Leadership Team

Each Fall, the NAME Board of Directors and Committee Chairs request input from you to help them know what NAME programs and services are most valuable to you, in a brief Member Survey. The 2012 edition has just been released.

Please take a few minutes today to respond; your input is used to help develop NAME member services and events, identify trends and plan for NAME's future.

Surveys completed by **Wednesday, October 10th** will be considered at the upcoming NAME Leadership Team Long Range Planning Meetings. Here is the link to the 2012 NAME Survey of Members:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V8J9MBG>



# Name 2012 Election *Plus*

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## NAME Voting Members:

The 2012 NAME annual election is upon us. This is a brief election preview that contains some information you will need prior to voting. Please note, the actual election ballot will be sent to you via email from NAME by noon EST on October 4, 2012, and will NOT contain these detailed instructions.

## National Election

As was the case last year, the 2012 NAME election is a national election. That is, all NAME voting members as of October 1, 2012 are eligible to vote for every position that appears on the ballot. Please read the candidates' biographies on the NAME Nominating Committee's webpage on the NAME website at <http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/>. You will need to login to the Member Only section of the NAME website to visit the NAME Nominating Committee's webpage. The biographies of the candidates will NOT appear on the ballot.



## Electronic Voting Only—

### Balloting is the Week of October 4, 2012 to October 10, 2012

The 2012 NAME election of Directors and one Officer will be conducted electronically for one week, October 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. All NAME voting members as of October 1, 2012 may participate, regardless of their attendance at the 2012 NAME Annual Conference. On October 4, 2012, NAME will send you an email containing a link to your ballot (link is via Survey Monkey). You may cast your ballot anytime after you receive the link, but before noon EST on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

Only NAME voting members as of October 1, 2012 will be given the link to their ballot. Per the NAME Bylaws, voting members are state Medicaid agency staff, state Education agency staff and Local Education agency representatives who have paid their NAME membership dues for 2012. If you attended the 2011 NAME Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, your conference registration fee included your 2012 NAME membership dues. Once you enter Survey Monkey, **you must complete the balloting at that time—in one session**—i.e., there will be no opportunity for you to stop balloting, exit the survey, and return. Voting closes at noon EST on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Any ballots submitted after that time will not be counted. Write-in candidates on the ballot are allowed.

To verify voting membership status, the first question on the ballot asks for your name and the agency where you are employed. Please answer these questions and be assured that your vote will remain in confidence and only the aggregate totals will be reported at the 2012 Annual Membership meeting.

## Who are You Voting for?

You will be electing 7 members to the NAME Board of Directors—5 Regional Representatives, an Officer and an At-Large Representative.

Positions to be elected to the Board of Directors/Slate of Candidates as of September 12, 2012 are:



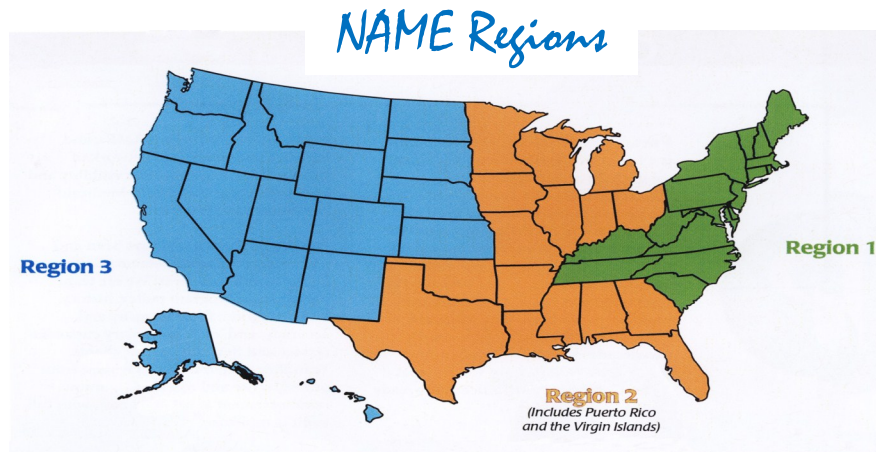
<u>Region</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Candidate(s)</u>
Region 1	LEA Representative	3-year	Mary Hall (VA)
Region 2	Education	3-year	Jim Donoghue (IA)
Region 2	LEA Representative	3-year	Kathy Merry (MI), Jennifer Haase (MI)
Region 3	Medicaid	3-year	Melinda Hollinshead (AZ)
Region 3	Education	2-year	Stacie Martin (KS)
At-Large	Education	3-year	Laurie Ray (NC)
President-Elect	Officer	1-year	Mark Smith (OH)

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## Qualifications for Elective Positions

The NAME Bylaws state the qualifications for all elective positions. These qualifications have been summarized and posted on the NAME Nominating Committee's webpage on the NAME website at: <http://www.medicaidforeducation.org/>. You will need to login to the Member Only section of the NAME website to visit the NAME Nominating Committee's webpage.



## NAME Regions

NAME is organized into three regions, consolidated from the ten regions that existed from 2003-2011. The new regions are:

**Region 1 (18 states):** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia

**Region 2 (18 states):** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and Wisconsin

**Region 3 (17 states):** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

## Summary

We appreciate your membership in NAME, Inc., **Look** for an email from NAME by noon EST October 4, 2012, with the link to your ballot. Click on the link any time after noon EST on October 4, 2012 to begin voting.

