### NAME

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.

# In the NAME of Collaboration

✓ Brief NAME Overview

Agenda

✓ History of School-Based Medicaid

✓ Where We Are At Today

**✓** NAME 2015



#### NAME

was

Founded

in

2003

#### **17** Board of Directors:

- 4 State Medicaid Agency Representatives
- 4 State Education Agency Representatives
- 4 Local Education Agency Representatives
- 5 Officers:
  - President
  - President Elect
  - Past President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary

#### **Leadership Team:**

**Board of Directors and Committee Chairs** 



#### **MISSION:**

NAME
Advocates
Program
Integrity For
School Based
Medicaid
Reimbursement

"We envision the day when public policy values children's health as essential to learning."

The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc. (NAME) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization comprised of members from the nation's school districts and state Medicaid and Education agencies who are involved in administration of Medicaid claiming for school-based services. Other members are those with an interest in the Medicaid-in-education field such as businesses, consulting firms, non-profit organizations and federal agencies.

#### PURPOSE

Provide leadership;

 Promote integrity, collaboration and success; and,

• Facilitate a network to share information.



School-

Based

Medicaid

1986 – Public Law 99-457

Education of the Handicapped Act



2014

**FIFA** 

World

Cup

Two epiphanies while watching the World Cup this summer!



Moe and Löw





The

Game

## American Football World Football

**NOT THE SAME GAME!!!** 



#### How are Medicaid and Special Education Different?

#### Medicaid

- Funding "unlimited"
- Specific covered services
- Can charge co-pays and spenddown/deductible
- Audits result in payback
- State administration VERY prescriptive
- Come to Medicaid to apply
- Rights and responsibilities
- Birth to death, but low income
- Other insurance must pay first
- Payment for service to provider

#### **Special Education**

- Funding appropriated
- Any services/supports needed
- Must be free
- Focused monitoring results in corrective action
- All about local control
- Must find all, even homeless
- Rights
- 0-2, 3-21/22/26
- May not use other insurance if there is cost to parent
- Payment for staff salary, contracts, materials, etc.

#### How are Medicaid and Special Education Similar?

#### **Medicaid**

- Treatment, service, or care plan
- HIPAA
- Case management
- Best and evidenced based practice
- Provider credentials
- Documentation
- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

#### **Special Education**

- Individualized Education Program, Services Plan
- FERPA, HIPAA
- Service coordination
- Best and evidenced based practice
- Highly qualified
- Paper work, SPP, data
- Early intervening, Child Find, Assessment, Special Ed

#### How are Medicaid and Special Education Similar?

#### **Medicaid**

- Must serve all who are eligible
- Must meet eligibility criteria
- Appeals process
- Payer of last resort (except education)
- Home & CB Waivers
- Support children and families of children with special needs

#### **Special Education**

- Must serve all who are eligible
- Must meet eligibility criteria
- Due process
- Payer of last resort
- Least restrictive environment
- Support children and families of children with special needs

# Things That Don't Align

- Documentation Requirements
- Service Definitions
- Credential Requirements
- Authorization Requirements



Medicaid

Speech

Requirements

- 1. Has a certificate of clinical competence (C's) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); or,
- 2. Has completed the academic program and is acquiring supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate; or,
- 3. Has completed the equivalent educational requirements and work experience necessary for the certificate. (Note number 3 would include those individuals who previously had the certificate but opted not to maintain it, as well as those who qualify to obtain the certificate but chose not to obtain it.)

Medicaid

**Authorization** 

Requirement

To be covered by Medicaid, the services must be provided pursuant to an order or referral from a physician or other practitioner of the healing arts with specific practice act authority to prescribe, order or refer.



1997

CMS

Medicaid & School Health: A Technical Assistance Guide



2003

CMS

Medicaid School-Based Administrative Claiming Guide



2006-2008

Seven

Deadly

Regulations

- Cost limits for public providers;
- Limit payments for graduate medical attention;
- Limit payments for hospital outpatient services;
- Limit so-called provider taxes;
- Limit coverage of rehabilitative services;
- Limit payments for school administrative and transportation services; and,
- Eliminate targeted case management.

2004

**IDEA** 

Reauthorization

#### Federal Register August 14, 2006

This regulation required Local Education Agencies (LEA) to obtain parental consent prior to each and every time they accessed Medicaid (public insurance) for IEP medically related education services.



## February 14, 2013:

6 ½ Years Later Final Regulation posted in the Federal Register.

The final regulation requires that the LEA:

- Obtain a "one time" FERPA release; and,
- The parent must be provided written notification of rights prior to signing the release and annually thereafter including:
- Statement of "no cost";
- Statement that the parent has the right to withdraw their consent at any time; and,
- Statement indicating that withdrawal of consent does not relieve the public agency of its responsibility to ensure that all required services are provided at no cost to the parent.

#### **AUDITS**

- OIG (Office Inspector General)
- GAO (Government Accountability Office)
- CMS (Center of Medicaid Services)
- OSERS (Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services
- State Medicaid Agencies (Surveillance & Utilization Review teams) and
- State Education Agencies (Monitoring Teams, Due Process Teams)

There may be more agencies that could audit/review IEP or Medicaid student files.

Also, note that most of these entities conduct multiple types of audits and reviews depending on the review or compliant.

#### Current

Areas

of

Interest

- Community-Based Rates/Cost Based Reimbursement
- Worker Logs/Random Moment Time Studies (RMTS)
- RMTS Notification Period
- Adm. Claiming IEP/CC Meetings and Follow-up activities
- Contingency Fees
- Free Care
- Third Party Liability

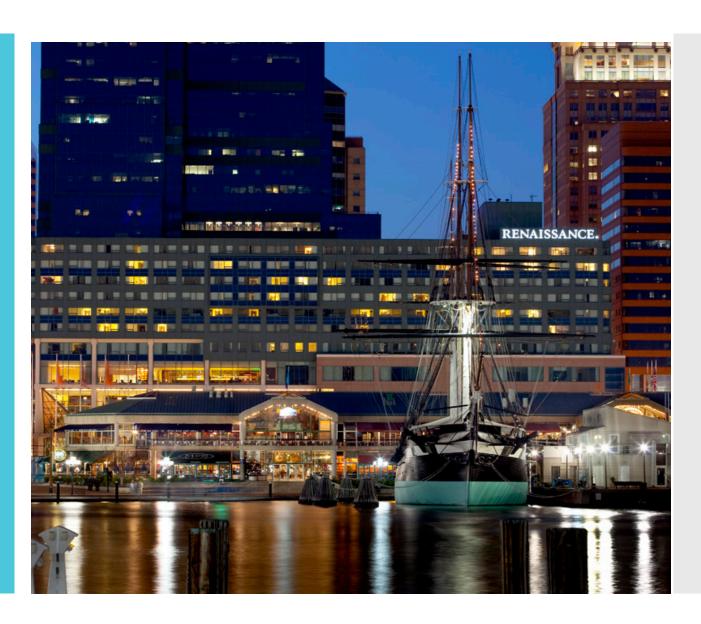


SAVE THE DATE:

2015 NAME CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 5 – 7, 2015



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National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education-NAME

Organizational Structure and Membership Benefits



#### What is NAME?

- NAME stands for the <u>National Alliance for Medicaid in Education</u>, Inc.
- NAME is a non-profit organization, registered as 501(c) (3) with the federal IRS.
- NAME is a professional network of mostly volunteers that facilitates sharing of valuable and pertinent information and promotes networking among those involved with Medicaid in Education.
- NAME is the only organization of its kind and sponsors a national conference annually in the Fall in varying cities.
- NAME collaborates with key Federal agencies: the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), and other partners and stakeholders, to develop and support public policies that value children's health and recognize it as essential to learning.

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.

### A Brief Portrait of NAME

- Established in 2003
- Created in response to a need for a national forum to address the complexities and challenges of Medicaid reimbursement programs in school settings
- Draws on the expertise of highly informed and specialized sources from around the country at Federal, State and Local levels, as well as the private sector
- Is a clearinghouse for information. Helps members choose the best directions in difficult-to-navigate waters by providing networking opportunities and information



#### NAME

Mission and Vision Statements

#### Mission

NAME Advocates Program Integrity
For School Based Medicaid Reimbursement

#### Vision

We envision the day when public policy values children's health as essential to learning



# Who are Members of NAME?

Professionals working at a federal, state, local or regional level who are:

- Program developers and administrators
- Policymakers
- Policy implementers
- Educators
- Clinicians or health care providers working in school settings



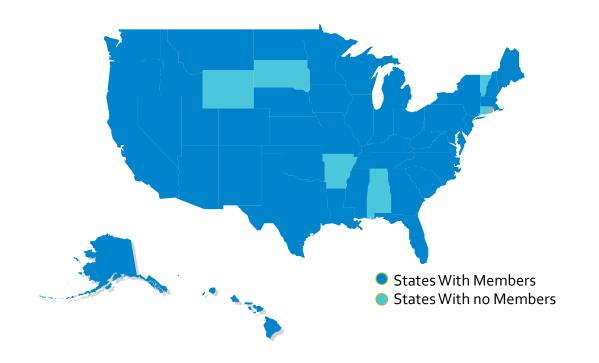
# Where Are NAME Members?

In 2014, presently, there are:

- Over 350 Members
- 44 States and DC represented

#### Members are from:

- State Medicaid Agencies
- State Education Agencies
- Local Education Agencies (LEA)
- Professional Organizations
- Billing/Consulting Companies





#### NAME Leadership

#### **Officers:**

**President** 

**President-Elect** 

**Immediate Past President** 

Secretary

**Treasurer** 

**Executive Director** 



#### NAME Leadership

#### Board of Directors

#### Region 1

LEA Regional Representative

Education Representative

Medicaid Representative

#### Region 2

LEA Regional Representative

Education Representative

Medicaid Representative

#### Region 3

LEA Regional Representative

Education Representative

Medicaid Representative

#### At-Large

LEA Regional Representative

Education Representative

Medicaid Representative

#### NAME is Organized by Regions

#### Region 1

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

#### Region 2

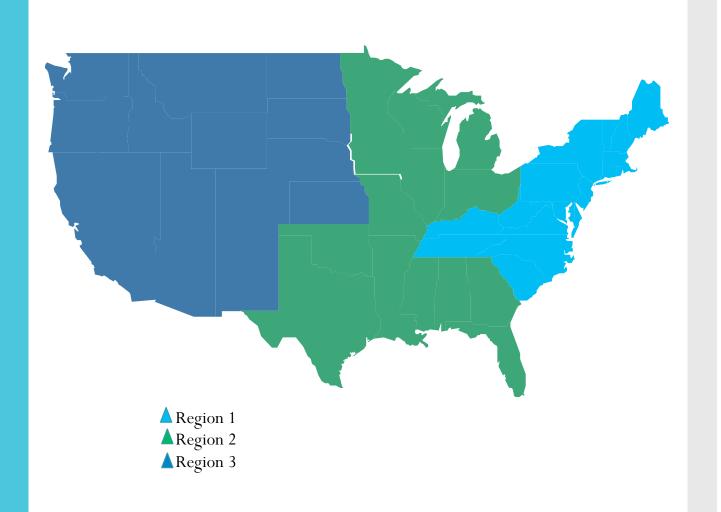
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Wisconsin

#### Region 3

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming



## NAME's Regions





#### Committees

- Executive Committee (Officers)
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Communications Committee
- Conference Committee
- Education and Research Committee
- Financial Procedures Review Committee
- Governmental Affairs and Public Relations Committee
- Policy and Procedures Committee
- Web Committee



#### Member Benefits

- Annual Conference
- Member Only section of the website:
  - Log-In Required In Member Welcome Letter
  - If you need log-in assistance, send to Info@MedicaidForEducation.org
- Regional/National Networking
- Quarterly NAMEtag e-newsletter
- National Teleconference Sessions two each year
- Biennial National Survey of the states for critical data -Medicaid in schools
- Regular interaction with federal partners like CMS and OSEP on national issues
- National level partners with similar mission, vision: AASA, NASDSE, NAMD, CASE, etc.

## Member Activities and Involvement

- Attend and participate in the Annual Conference
  - Location varies each year
  - Details on NAME website
- Participate in national teleconference calls for professional development
- Complete surveys to provide essential data, feedback
- Share useful information with peers
  - Within your Region
  - Facebook, nationally
  - Using list of members, can find and contact colleagues to discuss issues

## Member Activities and Involvement

### Serve on a Committee

- Education and Research
- Membership
- Communications
- Web
- Policies and Procedures
- Conference
- Bylaws
- Nominating
- Voting Members
  - Participate in elections
  - Run for a position on the Board of Directors

- Membership dues are \$50.00/calendar year
  - Visit NAME website > Join NAME

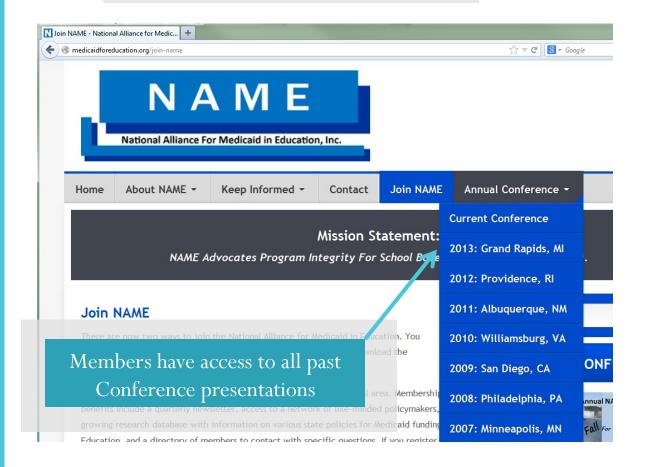
#### OR

How to Join

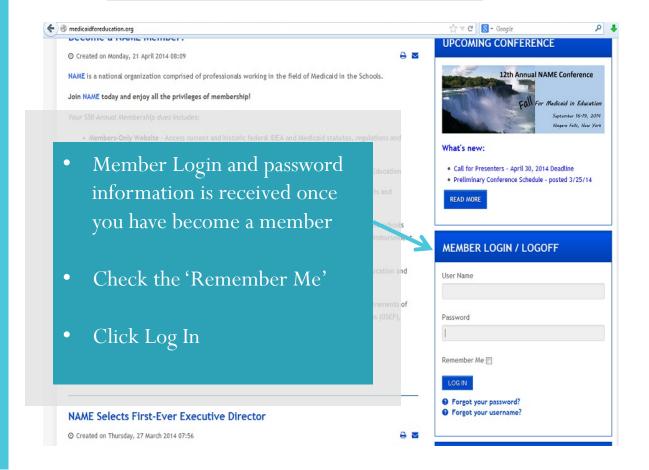
- Attend NAME's Annual Conference
  - Conference registration fee includes membership dues for the remainder of the calendar year of the Conference AND the next calendar year.

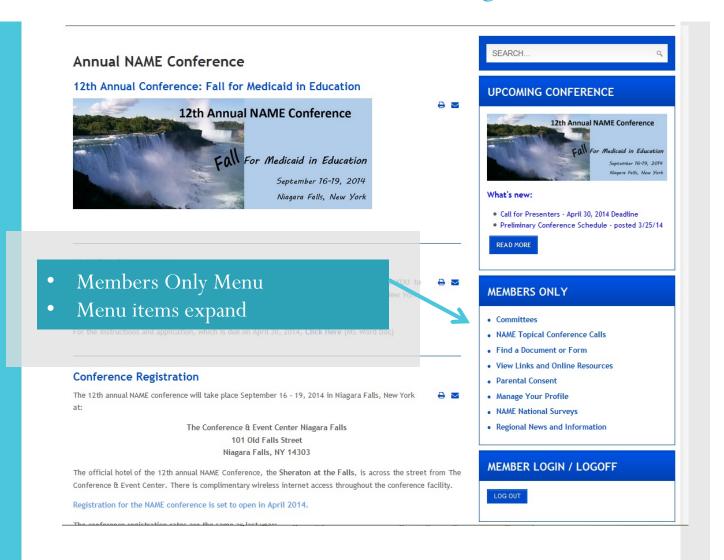
NAME f Menu About NAME • Keep Informed • Contact Join NAME Annual Conference • Mission Statement: NAME Advocates Program Integrity For School Based Medicaid Reimbursement. Home Page Search LATEST NEWS Latest News Become a NAME Member! UPCOMING CONFERENCE O Created on Monday, 21 April 2014 08:09 Conference Module NAME is a national organization comprised of professionals working in the field of Medicaid in Website Join NAME today and enjoy all the privileges of membership! Your \$50 Annual Membership dues includes: Members-Only Website - Access current and historic federal IDEA and Medicaid . Call for Presenters - April 30, 2014 statutes, regulations and related resources, sample forms, materials from Annual Overview · Receive News and Information - Exclusive and timely emails and alerts related to · National Topical Conference Calls with Experts in the field - (current and archived) Members Only Module MEMBER LOGIN / LOGOFF · National Surveys and Reports -NAME collects revelant and comprehensive data of Medicaid-in-the-schools state program every two years. Survey reports compare and analyze trends of covered services, reimbursement and policy · Opportunities to Participate - Serve on a committee: Bylaws, Conference, Communications, Education and Research, Finance, Membership and Web. Become a You speak, we listen! - NAME works with federal partners to help you understand complex requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Remember Me Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), among others . Membership Lists - Regional & national networking contacts Forgot your password?
 Forgot your username? OUESTIONS? info@MedicaidForEducation or NAME Events Module NAME Selects First-Ever Executive Director NAME EVENTS - April 30, 2014 Deadline for Call for Presenter NAME with Benefits - Topical Facebook Module 12th Annual NAME Conference News Archive Module NEWS ARCHIVE The Board of Directors of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME), at its September, 2013
 June, 2013
 December, 2012
 September, 2012
 November, 2011
 August, 2011 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

## Menu Dropdowns



## Member Only Log in





### View of Expanded Member Only Menu

## Website Overview

#### Membership Committee

NAME Membership Renewal

NAME annual memberships expire December 31each year. For those members who do n September or October and who have not paid dues in that calendar year, your member: online, please go to: Join NAME to complete the membership process.

NAME Membership Committee is seeking active members!

The Membership Committee is seeking members to actively participate in recruiting inc

Medicaid agencies, Education Departments and Local Educational Agencies (LEA) 7 yo

#### Click on Committees

• All the NAME Committees display

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#### Click on NAME Committee

Committee contents will display

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#### **MEMBERS ONLY**

- Committees
  - Bylaws Committee
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- . NAME Topical Conference Calls
- · Find a Document or Form
- · View Links and Online Resources
- Parental Consent
- Manage Your Profile
- NAME National Surveys
- · Regional News and Information

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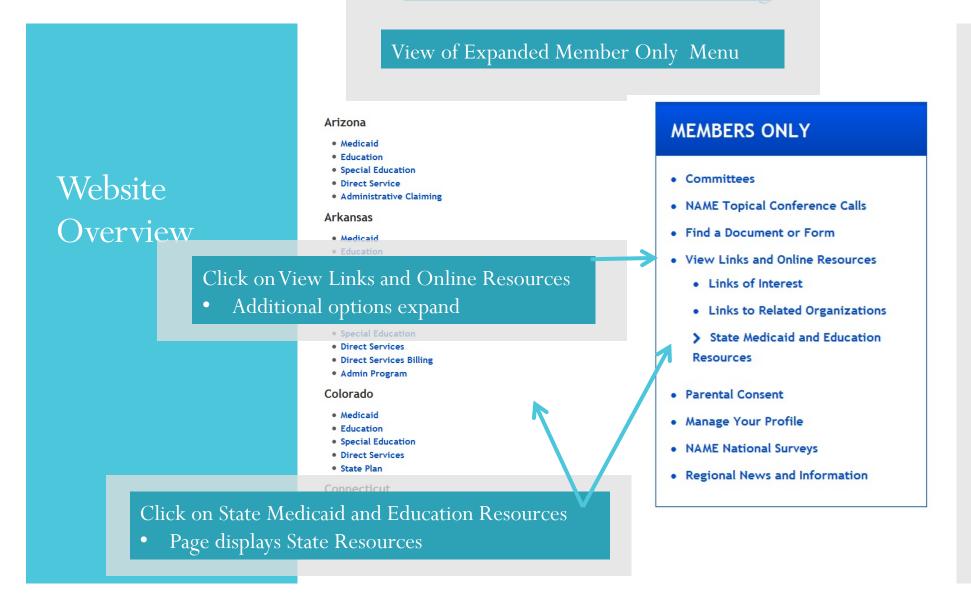
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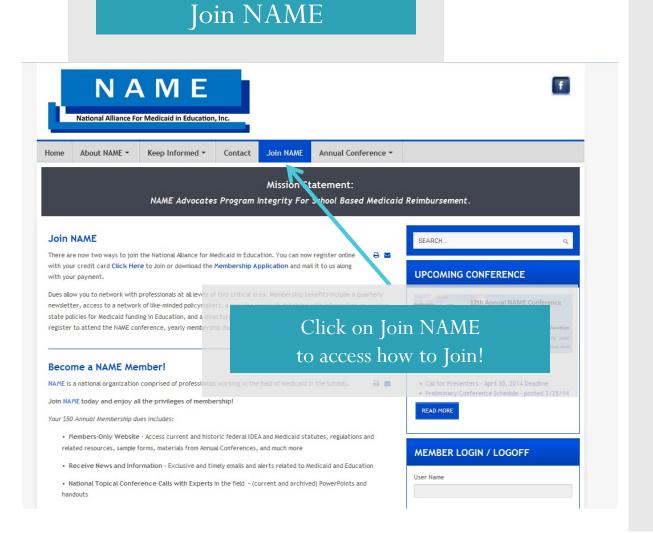
Click on Federal Audits

Page displays recent Audits

#### **MEMBERS ONLY**

- Committees
- NAME Topical Conference Calls
- . Find a Document or Form
  - > Federal Audits
  - Impact of the Federal Budget on Medicaid in Education
  - · Proposed CMS Rules and Comments
  - . CMS Medicaid Claiming Guides
  - CMS Medicaid SPA Process
- View Links and Online Resources
- · Parental Consent
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- Regional News and Information





How NAME Communicates with Members and the Public

- Communication with Members
  - E-mails
  - Correspondence you initiate
  - NAMEtag e-newsletter
  - Website www.MedicaidForEducation.org
  - Facebook



## NAME Communication

## We reach out to individuals, members and *Friends* of NAME

- Breaking News, Federal Updates, e.g. parental consent
- NAME Conference News, e.g. call for presenters, registration, conference materials
- Communications within regions for pertinent regional work/Conference follow-up

#### Letters

• Formal correspondence from Board of Directors

#### **Committees**



# Other ways NAME Shares Information

## **NAMEtag**

- NAME's electronic newsletter
- Quarterly
- Content: President's Message, Committee News, Regional Stories, Conference updates, Executive Director column, any member can contribute
- Website
- What's New
- Conference –updated monthly
- Any member can contribute via Regional Representatives
- Medicaid-in-the-schools Resources

## We're on Facebook, too



• News, discussions, issues, stories, photos (the usual!)



## Correspondence

### E-mail us Anytime

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