



American Public Human Services Association

TODAY'S EXPERTISE FOR TOMORROW'S SOLUTIONS

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APHSA's primary membership category is state human service agencies, whose annual dues help support its infrastructure and the delivery of the benefits and services. Because each state aligns its human service programs differently, APHSA splits portions of its yearly state obligation into assessments along common program categories that reflect the work of some of APHSA's affiliate organizations. This enables each state to allocate the support for this work to the state agency or department that benefits from our efforts.

NAPIPM ASSESSMENT BENEFITS

The NAPIPM assessment supports the work of APHSA and the National Association for Program Information and Performance Measurement (NAPIPM) with federal agencies and Congress including:

- Representation of the states' position on the federal improper payments initiative, including engaging the Administration on concerns about inappropriate audits and attempts to determine a national "error rate" for block grants.
- Pro-active work with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to position APHSA and its concerns as a high priority for OMB's federal-state partnership work on assistance program pilots that will streamline administration and reduce program errors.
- Drafting specific responses to federal regulations and other federal actions requiring response or commentary.
- State roundtable meetings that allow NAPIPM members the opportunity to network, discuss emerging issues, and work directly with federal officials through Technical Advisory Groups to advocate for program and quality control change.
- National teleconference calls on federal policy proposals pending in Congress or advanced by federal agencies or the President, as well as conference calls to discuss congressional and federal agency actions (e.g., important new Food and Nutrition Service regulations and recent congressional proposals to alter Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program oversight legislation).
- Opportunities to shape the policy positions of APHSA through representation at our national meetings.

Through this assessment, your member agency receives benefits including:

- Timely e-mail notification of congressional policy activity and actions of the Administration that affect NAPIPM issues, as well as regular coverage of news on these issues via the NAPIPM web site, our daily news clipping service, *This Week in Washington* newsletter, and *Policy & Practice* magazine.
- Analysis, reporting, and advocacy on the increasingly prominent themes of reporting, transparency, program integrity, and overall program accountability.
- Staff support of the annual conference and monthly conference calls.
- Opportunities to collaborate with other APHSA affiliates, including AASD (SNAP), NAPCWA (Child Welfare), NASCCA (Child Care), and NASTA (TANF).
- Heightened visibility with other government associations such as the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the National Association of Counties.