



National Association of State Medicaid Directors

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2008 SPRING CONFERENCE
June 15 - 17, Oklahoma City

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:15 AM - 5:30 PM **Medicaid Boot Camp**
- 9:00 AM - NOON **Executive Committee Meeting with *Herb Kuhn*, CMSO**
- 5:30 PM **Welcome Reception**
- 6:30 PM **Buses depart for optional night at the casino**

MONDAY, JUNE 16

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast for Attendees**
- 7:30 - 8:30 AM **Executive Committee Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 9:45 AM **Welcome (*states only*)**
Moderator: *David Parrella*
Jerry Friedman, Executive Director for APHSA will welcome attendees to the conference. ***Mike Fogarty***, Oklahoma Medicaid Director, will welcome attendees to Oklahoma and provide highlights from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM **An Update from CMSO (*states and CMS only*)**
State directors will have the opportunity to interface with CMSO officials regarding administrative regulations, plans for transition to a new administration, and the 2009 budget debate. ***Sue Kelly***, Region II Administrator, will represent CMSO.
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM **Break**
- 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Legislative Update (*states only*)**
Moderator: *David Parrella*
Judy Moore from the National Health Policy Forum will provide insights on the congressional budget process, including an explanation of CBO scoring, “pay-go” rules and more. ***Matt Salo*** and ***Andrea Maresca*** from the National Governors Association and ***Beth Powell*** from NASMD will provide an update on current legislative efforts regarding federal regulations and the 2009 budget for Medicaid and SCHIP.

- 12:15 – 1:30 PM **Lunch**
Moderator: Lynn Mitchell
 What Keeps Medicaid Medical Directors Up at Night? **Marc Leib, J.D., M.D.**, Chief Medical Officer, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and **Roger Snow, M.D., M.P.H.**, Deputy Medical Director, Massachusetts Medicaid (MassHealth), will share their states’ experiences and highlight priority issues for medical directors.
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM **Streamlining Case Management: Issues Facing Medicaid under the TCM Regulations (states only)**
Moderator: Christine Bronson
Christine Bronson (MN), **Larry Swift** (TX), **John Folkemer** (MD) and **Andrew Allison** (KS) will describe the challenges and opportunities that states will face in complying with the new “single case manager” rule. The session will feature states that have attempted to streamline case management functions in recent years.
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM **Break**
- 2:45 – 4:00 PM **Mental Health and Medicaid (states only)**
Moderator: Ann Kohler
Jim Verdier of Mathematica will present a recently published study that explores the relationship between Medicaid and state mental health authorities, and how different administrative structures enhance or impede effective interactions. A reactor panel will feature Alaska’s Medicaid director, **Jerry Fuller**, and Alaska’s Behavioral Health director, **Melissa Witzler–Stone**, who are working together to implement reforms in their state.
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Pharmacy Management for Quality: Atypical Antipsychotic Use in Medicaid Children (states only)**
Moderator: Lynn Mitchell
Jeffrey Thompson, M.D., M.P.H. (WA Medicaid medical director), **Roger Snow, M.D., M.P.H.** (MA Medicaid medical director), and **Steve Crystal**, Rutgers, will share the results of a project, undertaken through the Medicaid Medical Directors Learning Network, to better understand and to improve the effectiveness of the use of mental health medications for children covered by Medicaid.
- 5:00 PM Depart for dinner at the **Oklahoma History Center** followed by tour of the Oklahoma City National Memorial

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

- 7:30 – 9:00 AM **NASMD Executive Committee Breakfast (with Medical Directors)**
- 8:00 – 9:00 AM **Continental Breakfast for Attendees**
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM **An Update on State Health Reform (states only)**
Moderator: Stan Rosenstein
 Hear from states, including Massachusetts, California, and Oklahoma, which have undertaken strategies to cover the uninsured. How are strategies working? How have states handled set-backs? What’s next on the agenda? The panel will feature **Tom Dehner** (MA), **Stan Rosenstein** (CA), and **Lynn Mitchell** (OK).
- 10:00 – 10:15 AM **Break**

- 10:15 - 11:45 AM** **Key Issues for a New National Administration (*states only*)**
Moderator: David Parrella
The session will engage directors in a discussion of key themes and health care issues that participants believe should be priorities for a new president. This dialogue at this session will produce input to the APHSA process that is developing non-partisan communications to leading candidates and establishing the frame for a more in-depth set of policy priorities that APHSA will share with a new president in 2009. **Bruce Goldberg, M.D.**, director of the Oregon Department of Human Services and chair of the APHSA Policy Council, and **Jerry Friedman**, executive director of APHSA, will join the discussion.
- 11:45 - 12:00 PM** **Break**
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** **Lunch**
NASMD is pleased to present **Baxter Black**, cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and humorist, as our luncheon speaker. Black describes himself as an “observer of the cracks in the universe.” He’ll provide a taste of the Southwest and, we hope, a little relief from the stress of budget shortfalls and federal regulations!
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM** **Program Integrity (*states only*)**
Moderator: Chuck Duarte
The panel, featuring **Don Gregory** (Louisiana), chair of NASMD’s Fraud and Abuse TAG, and **David Frank**, CMS, will provide an overview of state and federal activities regarding the federal Medicaid Integrity Program. The session will highlight information on the Medicaid Program Integrity Institute and new state initiatives.
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM** **Update on MMIS Reforms: Going Live! (*states only*)**
Moderator: Carol Steckel
State speakers will share their experiences with bringing state of the art MMIS systems on line. They will highlight lessons learned, the impact of new systems on program efficiency and quality, and perhaps offer advice to directors contemplating or currently undertaking the journey. The panel features **Elizabeth Johnson** (KY) and **Paul Reinhart** (MI).
- 3:15 - 3:30 PM** **Conference Closing Session**
We will pass the gavel from **David Parrella** to **Carol Steckel** and the newly elected Executive Committee members. We will also announce the location of next spring’s conference.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Multi-State Collaborative Face-to-Face Meeting (*morning*)