

How NAMD Does Our Work

Strengthening Medicaid through a partnership approach



We focus on supporting Medicaid partnerships.

Medicaid is a complex public program that operates in a constantly evolving federal and state policy landscape and health care ecosystem. It requires effective internal and external partnerships to deliver high value for the nearly 80 million people served by the Medicaid and CHIP programs and to ensure efficient use of the taxpayer dollars that fund it.

PARTNERSHIP IN MEDICAID OCCURS:



Partnership underpins all that we do at NAMD.

It is how we provide critical support that helps states and territories run effective and efficient Medicaid programs that are locally tailored to their own policy priorities and interpretation of the program.

Partnership Across Medicaid Programs and Between Core Functions

We facilitate connections between Medicaid Directors and members of their senior leadership teams from across the country to share locally relevant solutions, build community and operationalize federal policy. We also help leaders in functional areas work better together, delivering more effective results for the millions of Americans they serve and ensuring that federal and state/territory resources are used efficiently and accountably. We support these partnerships by:



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Partnership Across Government

To be effective and deliver value, Medicaid also requires regular communication and coordination between state/territory leaders and the federal government. NAMD's role in this is to serve as a bridge to mutual understanding and applied collaboration.

At the center of this work is our relationship with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which reflects the fact that Medicaid is jointly funded and administered by states and territories and the federal government. Through regular leadership meetings with CMS and NAMD, and collaborative programmatic work, we bridge federal policy development and state implementation of Medicaid. Building from this core relationship, we also:



Convene biweekly meetings of over a dozen national, non-profit organizations that support state and territory government officials who do complementary work



Share information with Congress about Medicaid program operations through briefings and written resources



Routinely meet with other federal agencies to **identify opportunities** to braid Medicaid funding with other federally-funded initiatives

Partnership with the Broader Health Care Ecosystem

Medicaid requires support from a broad array of partners in the health care ecosystem, including doctors, nurses, other providers, health plans, community organizations, and advocates. NAMD breaks down barriers to effective partnership by helping others understand Medicaid and the experiences of those who lead it. In support of this, we:

Host a major annual **Fall Conference** which convenes over 1500 national, state, and industry leaders

Deliver **keynotes and presentations** at national conferences and events for providers, state policymakers, health plans, IT vendors, etc.

Meet regularly with managed care and provider associations to surface challenges and **collaborate on shared priorities**



Serve on **national advisory committees** and **technical expert panels**

Inform **press coverage** on Medicaid operations

Sponsor an **alumni network** of former Medicaid Directors who now serve in influential roles across government and the health care sector

Our Result

Through our partnership approach, NAMD creates **stronger, more effective, fiscally accountable** Medicaid programs that serve millions of Americans through locally relevant approaches and solutions.

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