

NAMD NEW STAFF HIRES

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The National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) is pleased to announce the latest additions to our new and growing team. **Kathleen Nolan** will join NAMD as the Director of State Policy and Programs, and **Andrea Maresca** will join NAMD as the Director of Federal Policy and Strategy.

Kathleen and Andrea bring lengthy experience with states and the Medicaid program and share an unwavering commitment to supporting state Medicaid Directors. Both will officially start in late May, and will be on hand for the Inaugural NAMD Spring Meeting here in DC. Please join me in welcoming my "Dream Team"!

Kathleen Nolan comes to NAMD after 7 years with the National Governors Association. While serving as the health division director for the NGA's Center for Best Practices, she led the organization's efforts to provide policy advice to governors and their staff on a wide-range of health care issues. Most recently, she and her staff worked to ensure state leaders understand their opportunities and challenges under the federal health reform. Her other key areas of focus included Medicaid, health system and payment reforms, public health and health IT.

Prior to NGA, Kathleen served stints with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the Institute of Medicine, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. She received her BA in Psychology from Carleton College and her MPH from George Washington University.

Coming to NAMD is a wonderful opportunity to continue her commitment to helping states and representing their interests on the critical health policy issues of our time.

Andrea Maresca joins NAMD with over 7 years of Medicaid-focused policy experience. Most recently, Andrea has been Vice President for Medicaid Policy at the Association for Community Affiliated Plans, where she covered federal policy issues impacting non-profit Medicaid managed care organizations. Prior to joining ACAP, she spent several years at the National Governors Association and the National Association of State Medicaid Directors,

NAMD's predecessor organization.

During her tenure as NGA's Legislative Director for Health Policy, Andrea helped guide the organization's federal policy initiatives on health care reform, Medicaid, the state Children's Health Insurance Program, and health information technology. While at NASMD, she worked with the states' Medicaid directors to develop and advance policy initiatives and oversaw several technical advisory groups. Andrea's other professional experience includes time with an association representing Medicaid providers and as staff to a member of Congress. She earned her MPH from the George Washington University and her BA from Villanova University.

Andrea is pleased to be joining a revitalized organization dedicated to representing state Medicaid directors and she looks forward to supporting NAMD's members.

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