



Welcome to Baltimore, the home of The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services! We are proud to again host this year's Annual Meeting and Educational Conference right in CMS' backyard, with healthcare policy and regulation bustling through the hallways in nearby Washington, DC. The National Alliance of Medicare Set-Aside (NAMSAP) is *Charting the Course for Change* by keeping our attendees apprised of the most current information possible, delivered from the most authoritative sources - CMS officials, regulators, policymakers, legislators and experts in the Medicare Secondary Payer industry.

The winds of change have blown strong in 2018. We may remember this year as a Tale of Two Contractors with Performant Financial Corp. taking over as the new Commercial Repayment Center and Capitol Bridge ramping up as the new Workers' Compensation Review Contractor. Both contractors were implemented since our last Annual Meeting and their work is taking shape throughout their transitions. It is an opportune time for our membership to share trending observations. Conference participants will gain insights directly from expert sources presenting during our time together. With increased attention on Medicaid and ongoing Medicare Advantage litigation, there are numerous Secondary Payer aspects coming into focus.

The MSP industry is loaded with intricacies that bring depth and consequence to our day-to-day work. NAMSAP serves its membership to be the trusted resource that furnishes information and provides the forum for the exchange of ideas about all things MSP. This year's Agenda spans a variety of MSP subtopics, offering freshman education for those new to our profession as well as nuanced examinations of Medicare complexities.

NAMSAP also strives to identify areas where enhancements and advocacy are appropriate. To that end, the Annual Meeting is an occasion to work on the big picture. We have presenters on the forefront of government and health care who can give us insight on what is trending and upgrading in our field. And putting our minds together in Baltimore can result in new groundwork for future NAMSAP initiatives.

Amid the education, there is also the opportunity for our membership to visit, network and converge. We would hope that everyone participates in our evening reception on Wednesday night and that we take a moment to meet with old and new friends. NAMSAP's Annual Meeting is a confluence of varying backgrounds and a great chance to meet some of the industry's finest.

So thank you for participating in this year's conference and bringing your knowledge to our fellowship. Your experience and insight is necessary for us all to benefit from this educational experience. Please, raise your hand. Stand up. Speak up. Tell us what you know. Ask us what you want to know. Make this conference an interactive information fest. Let the sharing begin.

Sincerely,

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