



State Affiliation

Little History

1st Meeting: Santa Ana Community Hospital, CA
on June 23, 1971 (20 attendees),
Later: Charlotte Cochran, 1st CAMSS President

1st Executive Office & 2nd Mtg.: Daniel Freeman
Memorial Hospital, Inglewood, CA

1st National Educational Conference: held at AHA
in Chicago, IL on October 13-14, 1977 (31
attendees)

Little History (con't.)

1st National President: Arlene Ellis Camp,
Pasadena, CA

1st Bylaws, Policies and Procedures developed
shortly thereafter

1st Articles of Incorporation established and
NAMSS officially established as a nonprofit
incorporated organization

1st Certification exam administered in 1981

Next...

Another 1st ...

State Affiliation with
NAMSS

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NAMSS Affiliate Status

What does affiliation mean?

- NAMSS and each State Association are similar organizations with common interests and goals, but they are separate legal entities
- Their common interests and goals do not create any legally-binding association, joint venture, partnership, or agency relationship of any kind between them
- NAMSS neither supervises nor controls any State Association activities

NAMSS Affiliate Status (con't.)

- Many State Associations have requested to pursue a closer connection with NAMSS by becoming “Affiliates”
- NAMSS is very pleased to provide resources and assistance to State Associations, and to collaborate on all mutual objectives of the organizations

Why Affiliate?

Affiliation provides your State Association leaders with access to the following benefits and services:

- Access to a “State Resources” section of the NAMSS website
- Ability to purchase discounted insurance through NAMSS including Directors & Officers Liability/Employment Practices Liability and General Liability
- Access to an Annual Leadership Conference
- Access to a separate State Leadership-maintained website area on the NAMSS site (State Association Website)
- Access to NAMSS’ database of state and local speakers
- Access to the NAMSS’ member list within the geographic area represented by the State Association
- Discounts on NAMSS continuing education credits for State Association meetings when the educational program meets approved requirements

Benefits for all State Associations

NAMSS will provide the following benefits and services to all State Associations regardless of affiliation:

- Access to NAMSS' materials for distribution at State Association meetings (as available)
- Access to a NAMSS liaison to the State Association
- NAMSS review of State Association bylaws as requested
- Access to a separate State Leadership-maintained website area on the NAMSS site until January 1, 2013 for unaffiliated states
- When available, option to participate in the NAMSS Cooperative Membership Program
- Access to a State Leaders' discussion forum
- Ability to apply for NAMSS continuing education credits for State Association meetings when the educational program meets approved requirements at the Non-Affiliate rate

Become a NAMSS Affiliate

To become a NAMSS Affiliate, State Associations must meet the following requirements:

- The President and President-Elect must be current members of NAMSS,
- The State Association Bylaws should include the following statement “The [State Association] supports the mission and activities of the National Association Medical Staff Services”,
- The State Association will provide to NAMSS, on an annual basis, its membership list. NAMSS shall use this list for its own information and purposes, but shall not sell or provide the mailing list to any other party,
- The State Association Bylaws must be sent to NAMSS upon affiliation and each time revisions are made to ensure the State and National Bylaws are not in conflict.

FAQ's

Q: Is there a cost for affiliation?

A: No, there is not a cost to affiliate with NAMSS

Q: Will my state be required to purchase insurance?

A: No, while insurance protection is recommended, it is not required

Q: Will we need to have our Bylaws approved by NAMSS?

A: No, review of State Association Bylaws is a service provided; but NAMSS cannot require changes to Bylaws other than the required language for affiliation

FAQ's

Q: Do we need to re-affiliate every year?

A: Once a State is affiliated, the affiliation remains in place until either NAMSS or the Affiliate decides otherwise

Q: Will additional reporting be required of my State Association?

A: Other than submitting your Bylaws each time there is a change, no annual reporting is required. Membership lists are requested as previously mentioned

Q: Will my state be required to incorporate?

A: While it is strongly recommended that all State Associations become incorporated to protect its Officers and members, it is not required.

Ready to Affiliate?

Complete and submit the State Affiliate Attestation Form along with your State Association Bylaws to info@namss.org

For more information:

<http://www.namss.org/StateAssociations/StateResources/tabid/87/Default.aspx>

Once you are Affiliated

- Ability to apply for discounted insurance (Directors & Officers/Employment Practices Liability and General Liability)
- Access to the State Affiliation Handbook including information on:
 - Managing Association Operations
 - Financial and Legal Status
 - Managing Association Funds
 - Tax Issues – State/Local and IRS
 - Legal Matters
 - Insurance Protection
 - Lobbying and Political Activity
 - Professional Association Management Services
 - Document Retention
 - Sample documents, tools and resources

Additional Questions?

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