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Certification Corner

Q: What is the role of the National Government Affairs Committee? Who are the members of this Committee?

A: The National Government Affairs Committee's responsibilities and goals include the following:

- Committee will assist with certification efforts in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio;
- Committee will lay the groundwork for certification efforts in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, and other states, as necessary;
- Committee will edit government affairs materials;
- Committee will advise the membership based on the progress of state certification efforts;
- Committee will communicate in uniform manner through the IAHCSSM headquarters.



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Members of the National Government Affairs Committee represent different geographical areas of the United States. Each of the five members has ten states that fall under their region. The committee members are:

- **David Narance**
 - Chair of the Committee
 - Represents Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan
- **Steve Maley, CSPDM, CHL**
 - Represents New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Delaware
- **Steve Adams, CRCST, RN, BA**
 - Represents Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia/DC, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky
- **Carolyn Mattley**
 - Represents Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana

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- **Harvey Johnson, CRCST**
 - Represents Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Hawaii, and Alaska

Q: If we started the certification process before you came on board with IAHCSSM, is it necessary for us to contact you and the National Government Affairs Committee members?

A: Yes, please contact me, as well as the National Government Affairs Committee member who represents your state. If you have already reached out to elected officials, it's very important to bring us up to speed on what you have done and provide copies of any correspondence sent to the elected officials. I will then convene a conference call with your National Government Affairs Committee representative to discuss the status of your efforts and provide strategic guidance and an action plan to help you move forward and further advance your efforts.

By fall, the National Government Affairs Committee will begin to determine which states will run certification legislation for the following year, and also which states will enter the planning/data collection stage.

It is important that you allow our new structure to work for you. We are not trying to jeopardize any success your state has had. On the contrary, we are here to provide strategic advisement on the necessary steps to take to ensure that certification legislation is introduced in your state. By working together, we will move your state closer to passing certification legislation.