



NICA Families,

NICA's Board of Directors oversees the broad operations of the organization including financials, policies, Executive Leadership, etc. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jimmy Patronis has the statutory authority to appoint individuals to the NICA Board of Directors. Senate Bill 1786 increased the NICA Board of Directors from five to seven directors, including one parent or legal guardian of a plan participant and one disability advocate.

CFO Patronis has appointed Jim DeBeaugrine and Renee Oliver to the Board of Directors.

### **Jim DeBeaugrine**

Jim DeBeaugrine, of Tallahassee, currently serves as Chair of the Family Café. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, CEO of Opportunity Works, a staffing agency focused on providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities as well as Interim CEO of the Arc Florida, where he was responsible for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He also previously served as Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorder, he was a member of the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, and a member of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. Mr. DeBeaugrine will serve as the disability advocate on the Board of Directors. His appointment is effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2024.

### **Renee Oliver**

Renee Oliver, of Deland, has been a member of the NICA program for more than 13 years and has devoted herself to learning about the program and seeking benefits offered to families in order to care for her son. While being committed to his safety and well-being, she became certified as an EMT

and a Hyperbaric Technician. She has also taken the initiative to assist other families with the processes for reimbursements and payments for therapy and equipment. Oliver will serve on the NICA Board of Directors representing parents and legal guardians of NICA plan participants. Her term is effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2024.

I will keep you apprised as CFO Patronis makes additional appointments to the NICA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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FL's Insurance Consumer Advocate

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