

Medicaid - AFMC Issues  
Therapy Workgroup Agenda from March 25, 2004

- Lengthy discussion was held on tests that would be recommended to AFMC that are acceptable for each discipline.
- These testing instruments were presented by therapy groups from multiple sources and were discussed by the group as to their value in determining services and the type of information that each test instrument provides.
- A list of RECOMMENDED tests will be compiled and listed, but practitioners will still be able to utilize instruments not on that list as long as they justify their usage and the test has some value.
- Recoupments will begin in May 2004 for services that have been denied by AFMC, but the exact process has not yet been determined.
- There will be a process for allowing individual therapists and groups to set up payment plans for the amount of recoupment being requested. The first recoupments will be for all quarters that have been reviewed up to this point, so that they can then be done in a more timely manner from this point out.
- If you have previously requested a peer review, you will have to request that peer review again after you receive your letter of recoupment - all requests for a peer review will be completed but that process has not yet been totally established.
- The issue of signatures will continue to be addressed by Donna Clements.
- The issue of maintenance therapy has been brought up to the work group and will be further addressed over the next several meetings - If you have constructive ideas for this discussion, please e-mail Beth Stamp ([bstamp@allied-therapy.com](mailto:bstamp@allied-therapy.com)) and they will be presented at the meeting
- The work group will attempt to help establish guidelines regarding length of treatment, prevention of decline and caregiver supports needed.
- The Medical Society has not heard of any problems with the PCP referrals every six months - If you have a PCP that is having difficulty, please ask them to contact the Medical Society with his/her concerns

If you have specific agenda items you would like to see addressed, please contact Cheryl Freeman ([cheryl.freeman@medicaid.state.ar.us](mailto:cheryl.freeman@medicaid.state.ar.us)) or Beth Stamp, PT at 1-501-912-6403 or [bstamp@allied-therapy.com](mailto:bstamp@allied-therapy.com).