

Medicaid - AFMC Issues
Medicaid Workgroup Agenda from May 19, 2004

- I. Discussion of Acceptable Tests
 - Tests will be reviewed by the workgroup and added on an annual or semiannual basis as needed
 - Tests can be used that are not on the accepted test list – use as a secondary test and explain why that specific test needed to be utilized – utilize a standardized test on the list for qualification purposes
 - Linda Rogers, Easter Seals, will try to set up a meeting with the Psychological Examiners board to discuss the problems that SLP's are having with IQ testing – regarding need to have an IQ score and tests that are appropriate for severely disabled children
 - It is recommended that SLP's use a test that has a cognitive component along with their standardized requirements to backup their recommendations – TONI, Battelle, Functional Communication Profile, (Examples) – this will allow for expanding on differences between IQ scores and language scores (specifically a deviation quotient from the mean on the cognitive portion) and why therapy should be justified
 - Mullens test will be accepted at this time until the accepted list of tests are published as it had been listed on a previous document from AFMC – if you receive a denial on this basis alone, please contact Jarred regarding the issue with specifics
 - Discussion was held on reading therapy and requirements for qualifying clients at this time – this issue will be further reviewed by the workgroup – presently it is being recommended that whenever reading therapy is recommended the reading deficit must be related to deficits in expressive language along with qualifying scores from standardized testing that support this deficit

- II. Discussion on Prescriptions/Referrals
 - Workgroup will continue working on the updates to the DMS-640 Form
 - DHS will meet with David Routon, Medical Society, regarding concerns over completing the prescriptions per our guidelines and the difficulties being encountered with certain practices
 - ICD9 codes will work on prescription forms as well as a written diagnosis- just remember that diagnosis must relate to discipline being requested
 - Considering adding another box to prescription form that could be checked by the PCP for No Therapy Recommended – so that clinics do not just send forms back and forth between themselves
 - Sherrill Archer attended the workgroup and will set up a subcommittee meeting to discuss Medicaid reviews and the impact on early intervention and how the two groups can better provide services more cohesively and utilize the same prescriptions, etc.

- III. Maintenance Flow Chart

*Please see attached chart from Medicaid guidelines regarding maintenance therapy and recommendations for services

- Please send concerns, statements or further recommendations to bstamp@allied-therapy.com for workgroup to further review

IV. Discussion on Peer Review Committees

- EDS letters of recoupment should start being sent out in the next 1-2 weeks
- Remember that providers have 30 days to request peer review or to pay or to request payment plans set up – after 30 days with no response EDS will start automatically recouping the money from future payments
- Remember also that any peer review request made previously, must be requested again as the process is basically being restarted and they do not want to miss a peer review that was previously requested – that may include signature requests that got missed and have been denied
- Please call 501-682-6502, phone or 501-682-1855, fax for setting up payment plans
- Please call 501-682-8340 for questions regarding signature recoupments

V. Supervision Concerns

- Beth Stamp brought up concerns that had been brought to her regarding denials based on inappropriate supervision of PTA's and/or COTA's
- Workgroup asked that each respective board make recommendations based on their state practice acts and this will be discussed at next workgroup as guidelines for AFMC/Medicaid to follow
- Beth Stamp has made contact with Sam Denton, ArPTA President and Todd George, ArPTA Committee Chair for Practice Committee regarding this question and the recommendations from the PT board
- Also to be addressed is if the ArPTA recommendations on co-signatures for all PTA notes

VI. Next meeting for the Medicaid Workgroup has been set for June 24, 2004 from 10 AM-12 PM