

Therapy Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 10:00AM – 12:00PM

MEDICAID CONF. RM 3257

MEETING CALLED BY	Cheryl Freeman
TYPE OF MEETING	TAC Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Nancy Archer
NOTE TAKER	Krishelle Wells
ATTENDEES	Angela Traweek, Cheri Stevenson, Cheryl Freeman, Rosemary Edgin, Marilyn Strickland, Krishelle Wells, Nancy Archer, Judy Eddington, Kim Wilmot, Debbie Ashworth, Jeff Adams, Shannon Greenway, Jane Young

AGENDA TOPICS

5 MINUTES ANNOUNCEMENT MARILYN STRICKLAND

DISCUSSION	Marilyn has been promoted to COO of Division of Medical Services. She explained that she will no longer be a part of the TAC workgroup, but she has an open-door policy if anyone needs to talk to her about therapy. She is also leaving the group in the capable hands of Cheryl, Rosemary and Sheena Olsen.
CONCLUSIONS	Many Congratulations were expressed.

10 MINUTES STATUS OF PROVIDER MANUAL REVISIONS C. FREEMAN & J. EDDINGTON

DISCUSSION	Cheryl stated that the new DMS-640 has been in effect since September 20, 2010. The only differences are the dollar expenditures. The other manual updates (ST, OT, PT) to the Medicaid Manual will go to Rules and Regulations on November 1, 2010. Judy explained that Early Intervention (EI) regulation updates have not been promulgated yet, but should be by the Spring Meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS	Nancy stated if a provider submits the previous DMS-640 during this Fall, it will still be accepted.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
When the other manual updates are final, it will be shared with the group.	Cheryl Freeman	When notified
When the EI updates are final, it will be shared with the group.	Judy Eddington	When notified

20 MINUTES FALL OPEN MEETING NANCY ARCHER

DISCUSSION	Debbie explained that she had a few providers complain that the travel involved in coming to Medicaid's Open Meetings haven't been worth the material that was covered during the meeting. The group discussed alternative options such as Skype, Webinar (this could be recorded), or cutting back to just one open meeting per year.	
CONCLUSIONS	The group decided on having an annual meeting in the Spring – by this time there should be updates to the Provider Manual that can be given. Tentative Spring meeting agenda items: Manual revisions; EI eligibility	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Nancy will include a section in the October eNewsletter for providers	Nancy Archer	October eNewsletter

to send in suggestions for topics at the annual Medicaid Open Therapy Meeting.		
Talk to providers and find out what they want to hear about during the Spring Open meeting	TAC members	February TAC mtg
Talk to providers to find out what alternative presentation/education options they would like. (topic-specific webinars, use VTC, etc..)	TAC members	February TAC mtg

10 MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF TELEMEDICINE FOR THERAPY

A. TRAWEEK & R. EDGIN

DISCUSSION	Rosemary explained that they will be working with Michael Manley & Tina Benton and the ANGELS program to create a small workgroup to discuss telemedicine for therapy.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid thought that keeping the workgroup small would be the most beneficial, so Rosemary asked that there only be one person per discipline involved in the group. Cheri Stevenson provided three (3) handouts as reference documents regarding telemedicine/teletherapy 	
CONCLUSIONS	The workgroup will begin once members are established and report back to the TAC regarding progress.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email selections for the workgroup members to Nancy Archer (1 member per discipline)	TAC	ASAP
Once the selections have been established, Medicaid will set up the first workgroup meeting with Michael Manly.	Rosemary Edgin	Pending selections

10 MINUTES

SCHOOL AGE BILLING

DEBBIE ASHWORTH

DISCUSSION	Debbie Ashworth presented the issue when billing for school age children using either code B or C, there is a problem with inconsistent age/dates for defining school age children. When billing for a child the Medicaid guidelines states that the child must be 5 by September 15 th to be school age, but actually the school allows children to start kindergarten if they turn 5 by August 15 th , and next year the cutoff date for school age will be August 1 st . See Manual Section 311.400	
CONCLUSIONS	Debbie wanted the dates to be consistent for billing purposes.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email the information and documentation to Rosemary	Debbie Ashworth	ASAP

15 MINUTES

QUESTIONS ABOUT ACD'S

ROSEMARY EDGIN

DISCUSSION	Rosemary's asked if there were any issues with Assistive Communication Devices (ACDs) and getting paperwork / prior approval for communication devices.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Adams explained that he thought UCA stopped doing this type of prior auth. evaluation and paperwork because of timeliness and reimbursement issues with Medicaid, but he wasn't the one that did this work. Cheri Stevenson stated she has had difficulty as well in the past. A case where it took months for prior authorization. Rosemary is concerned about limitations on locations/providers where evaluations and ACD prior authorization processes are still offered. 	
CONCLUSIONS	Jeff thought that providers may just need to be educated because they are unsure of the prior authorization process.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check with UCA and find out exactly what types of problems occurred and what steps were attempted to resolve.	Jeff Adams	ASAP

