

Therapy Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

10:00AM – 12:00PM

MEDICAID CONF. RM 4102

MEETING CALLED BY	Marilyn Strickland
TYPE OF MEETING	TAC Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Marilyn Strickland
NOTE TAKER	Krishelle Wells
ATTENDEES	Angela Traweek, Linda Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Cheri Stevenson, Julia Washburn, Beth Stamp, Melissa St. Clair, Cheryl Freeman, Shelly Wier, Nena Sanchez, Rosemary Edgin, Marilyn Strickland, Tony Boaz, Krishelle Wells, Nancy Archer, Judy Eddington, Ruth Castleberry, Lisa Stewart

AGENDA TOPICS

30 MINUTES

SETTING AGENDA FOR SPRING OPEN MEETING

MARILYN STRICKLAND

DISCUSSION	Tentative Agenda:	
	1. CHMS Therapy Billing Issues (If Julia learns this hasn't already been resolved)	
	2. Progress report on adjustments / Explanation on complexity of adjustment – EDS to present	
	3. Explanation of therapy test , revision of the guidelines underway by TAC – Julia, Shelley, and Cheri	
	4. Retrospective Review process for schools / Gestational Age Issue / Denial letters revised to state discipline – Nancy Archer	
	5. Electronic Signature – Nancy Archer	
	6. Co-pay Issue – Marilyn Strickland (Pending Jay Bradford response)	
	7. Span Billing – EDS to present	
CONCLUSIONS	The Blue Flame room was confirmed for April 15 from 10am-12pm. Draft agenda will be created based on above items.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Minutes will be emailed to TAC one week after the TAC meeting.	Krishelle Wells	02/25/2009
Draft Agenda for Medicaid Open Meeting	QSource of Arkansas	02/25/2009

20 MINUTES

SPAN BILLING

EDS

DISCUSSION	Rosemary explained that Span Billing has become a problem and has created some general payment error rate issues. This needs to be cleared up in a timely manner because if it doesn't the problem could eventually cause a reduction in federal match money.
	Span billing means providers can bill for a span of time, but each consecutive day that is billed for must include the same number of units per day. Span billing criteria are in the Medicaid Provider Manual section II, 262.300 #24 A.
	EDS brought examples of correct and incorrect billing. (Document attached to minutes)
CONCLUSIONS	Providers should only bill for days that therapy services were provided.

Flag will be set in billing system to reject incorrect billing practice related to span billing in near future.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
EDS is to fix a couple of the billing examples to make them include consecutive days, and email the changes to QSource of Arkansas.	EDS	ASAP
Once corrected, QSource of Arkansas will add the examples along with the explanation/definition of span billing to our website. QSource of Arkansas will also email this information to the TAC group.	QSource of Arkansas	ASAP
Send examples of ICN's with span issues	Ruth Castleberry	

20 MINUTES

OTHER BUSINESS

NANCY ARCHER

DISCUSSION	The group discussed that there have been issues from certain doctors in completing the DMS 640 form correctly, timely, or not at all.
	Nancy Archer shared with the group her changes to the provider manual to resolve the Gestational Age issue. "Documentation including pertinent medical history; and, if the child is 12 months of age or younger, gestational age." The changes were approved by the group.
	Nancy Archer gave a brief update on the progress of the retrospective review stating we have approximately 200 left in the referral process for the October pull.
	Group discussed there needs to be wording adding to the Medicaid Provider manual under the therapy supervision section to address CFY's and signing for a CFY. (Section II 203.000 – 203.100)

CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Gestational age has already been sent to PPD for the section to be updated in the manual.	Medicaid	
Therapist from each modality bring information regarding their requirements from their licensing board (this may be different in each modality) and present this to Medicaid for necessary changes to cover those graduate therapists with temporary licenses.	All	
Start a list of Doctor's names that give therapy providers issues with DMS-640 completion	All	

15 MINUTES

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE AREA UPDATES

CHERI STEVENSON & SHELLEY WIER

DISCUSSION	Test list needs to be alphabetized for all disciplines. Julia Washburn gave an overview of changes that she felt would bring improvement or clarification to the revisions already presented by Cheri and Shelley.
CONCLUSIONS	Once the changes to the Speech section are approved, the changes that can be applied to the other two disciplines will then carry over, and Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy will be updated.
	The grouped thanked Cheri and Shelley for their work putting together the revision document.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Cheri and/or Shelley will make suggested edits and send their final revised language to the group	Cheri Stevenson and Shelley Wier	

5 MINUTES

NEXT MEETING DATE

CHERYL FREEMAN

DISCUSSION	Next meeting will be June 17 th from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the large Medicaid conf. rm. 4290.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reserve conf. rm. 4290	Cheryl Freeman	ASAP