

Therapy Action Council Meeting

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2009

10:00AM – 12:00PM

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MEETING CALLED BY	Marilyn Strickland
TYPE OF MEETING	TAC Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Marilyn Strickland
NOTE TAKER	Krishelle Wells
ATTENDEES	Angela Traweek, Debbie Ashworth, 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

Agenda topics

20 MINUTES GESTATIONAL AGE / ADJUSTED AGE
DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	Gestational age until one year of age. Information about background history is required for all ages. Beyond 1 year of age, it is okay to not include gestational age, but medical history is still required. If there are no significant issues in the child's medical history, stating "no significant medical history" addresses the issue.
CONCLUSIONS	Beginning January 14, 2009 and forward do not deny on Gestational age unless the child is 12 months old or less.

10 MINUTES ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

DISCUSSION	DMS-640 and progress notes require a signature. An electronic is a signature where someone has signed it electronically and the signature is verified by a certified agency.
CONCLUSIONS	We will accept an electronic signature if it follows the guidelines and meets the requirements, but we do not accept stamps.

30 MINUTES EDS ADJUSTMENT MELISSA ST. CLAIR

DISCUSSION	EDS Adjustment – recipients per pay cycle are split by quarter, so first in are first out. The limit is set at 40 daily.
CONCLUSIONS	The 1 st quarter rate adjustments are projected to be completed by March 2009. The next round will deal with the 2 nd round of 1 st quarter. There are about ½ million claims.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Melissa is to send an update email to Nancy Archer who will forward it to TAC group.	Melissa St. Clair	02/01/2009
Melissa sent Nancy an email on January 22, 2009 letting her know that EDS will process round 2 of the first quarter during the 1/30/09 payment cycle. Nancy forwarded this the TAC group	Nancy Archer	01/22/2009

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CO-PAY ISSUE

DISCUSSION	Must collect co-pay if you are a private provider.
CONCLUSIONS	There will be a private meeting next week to clarify the co-pay issue.

Joy Bradford

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OTHER BUSINESS

MARILYN STRICKLAND

DISCUSSION	Redefine timelines for referred charts. How long is the chart with the nurse, therapist, and physician? Denial letters need to include the type of discipline. Each letter will need to have the discipline in bold and found in the rational.	
CONCLUSIONS		
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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE AREA UPDATES ON
REGS AND TESTS

SHELLY WIER & CHERI STRVENSON

DISCUSSION	Shelly and Cheri passed out suggested changes to the provider manual dealing with Speech Therapy. All suggested changes made to the provider manual are in bold. Once the changes to the provider manual for Speech Therapy are approved. Then the same changes will be applied to PT and OT.	
	Will pick up with the speech test list next monthly meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS		
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NEXT MEETINGS

MARILYN STRICKLAND

DISCUSSION	Next TAC meeting will be February 18 th from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Medicaid Conference Room.	
	Next Medicaid Spring Open Meeting will be April 15 th from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Blue Flame Room.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reserve the Blue Flame Room	Cheryl Freeman	04/01/2009

OBSERVERS	
RESOURCE PERSONS	
SPECIAL NOTES	