

**Kentucky Technical Advisory Committee on Therapy Services
March 27, 2014 Meeting Notes**

Advisory Committee Meeting 8:15 am-9:15 am

Members in Attendance: Dr. Beth Ennis

Members Attending via Conference Call: Teresa Justice and Leslie Sizemore

Others in Attendance: Jennifer Moore

Other Conference Call Attendees: Pam Smith, Stacye Towles, Linda DeRossett, Pam Marshall, and Catherann Terry

Purpose of Meeting: Follow up on Regulation and Provider Enrollment Questions

Enrollment Questions

Jennifer Moore reported the online application/functionality is not yet available but is being worked on. Paper forms are available on line in pdf. The MAP 811 noncredentialed application is fillable. Must be saved, printed and mailed in. Ms. Moore stated enrollment must go through MCOs technically, but applications can be sent to DMS and will not be refused.

Pam Marshall asked if DMS has given MCO this information so MCOs can share correct information with providers. Jennifer Moore stated there have been multiple trainings with MCOs. Ms. Marshall indicated Passport had sent Marshall Pediatric Therapy the wrong forms, ie. forms for credentialed enrollment. Dr. Ennis stated she will ask the question in the MAC today and noted no problems with Passport and Anthem, but noted problems with Coventry and WellCare enrollment. Jennifer Moore stated Passport may not have had requirements since the new provider enrollment came out in November.

Dr. Ennis credentialed and non-credentialed enrollment would be streamlined if used CAQH. Jennifer Moore stated physicians must do both individual MAP 811 and CAQH. It is recommended that therapy providers submit both. MAP 811 has everything needed except liability insurance. Dr. Beth Ennis indicated the process could be streamlined, noting multiple data elements required in different places.

Jennifer Moore stated if an individual has a contract on file and is part of a group then the group enrolls. The individual will bill as the rendering NPI and have their own tax ID. Dr. Ennis asked to clarify whether a group can enroll under the new regulations, noting the new regulations do not address certified rehab agencies (not licensed CORF) but licensed as Outpatient Rehab. Ms. Moore stated physical therapists can enroll as a physical therapy group and occupational therapists can enroll as an occupational therapy group provider; there is no entity level provider type for a rehab agency. In the future, DMS may open up a new provider type to enroll a rehab agency.

Dr. Beth Ennis asked if it is legal for a therapist to subcontract with a CMHC. Jennifer Moore responded yes.

Timetable for Public Comments to the Regulations

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Regulations/Public Comments Question

Catherann Terry will forward to members: Stuart Owen's response regarding the public comments timetable for the new regulations.

Differential Therapy Assistant Rates Discussion

Leslie Sizemore noted there is no Medicare differential in rates for therapy services assistants. The Cabinet responded rates will be considered if the budget changes. Discussion addressed how therapy services assistant and therapist differential rates are coded and paid. Dr. Beth Ennis will bring the question to the attention of the MAC. Linda DeRossett asked if differential rates will be affect School Based billing.

Claims Discussion

All indicated that claims are kicked back from Coventry. Teresa Justice told staff to contact the MCO representative. Pam Marshall stated the following concerns, asking if reimbursements from Coventry are being tracked; are provider choosing nonparticipating status; children are not getting services from providers not participating with Coventry. Dr. Ennis will check information about tracking MCOs in the MAC binders but stated most information is not useful to the TAC. She stated most complaints during the MAC pertain to Coventry and WellCare. Pam Marshall stated WellCare has been a good partner, but in some areas, Coventry is the main provider. Dr. Ennis proposed the members could track on their own and bring the data back to the TAC or collect the data via survey monkey from COTA, KSHA and KPTA.

MAC Follow-up

Dr. Beth Ennis stated she will clarify questions to the Commissioner; eg. concern about differential rates for therapy assistants not uniform under the provisions. Dr. Ennis noted the speech therapy evaluation code replacements had been addressed.