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IN RE: HOME HEALTH TECHNICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Old Business
 - * Telehealth reimbursement
5. New Business
 - * Physical exam requirements for employees
 - * MCO visit limitations
 - * Supplies excluded from the Fee Schedule
6. Next Meeting - August 13, 2019
7. Adjournment

1 MS. CARTRIGHT: We will go
2 ahead and call the Home Health TAC meeting to order.

3 (INTRODUCTIONS)

4 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: We have
5 a new Chief of Staff at Medicaid. Genevieve Brown
6 is an attorney and has done a lot of work on federal
7 issues, a lot of work on home health CON issues.
8 So, she knows a lot about the services that you all
9 provide. She is from Lexington and we are thrilled
10 to have her on board.

11 MS. CARTRIGHT: So, the next
12 order of business is approval of minutes.

13 MR. REINHARDT: I don't think
14 she sent the minutes.

15 MS. CARTRIGHT: I was going to
16 say, I didn't see them but I thought I might have
17 missed them.

18 MR. REINHARDT: The past two,
19 I think, we will have to approve those at the next
20 meeting.

21 MS. CARTRIGHT: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: She has
23 had the audacity to take some time off. So, I
24 apologize but we'll get you the minutes.

25 MS. CARTRIGHT: That's fine.

1 So, that's the biggest, major change but I think
2 we've addressed all the questions and the issues
3 we've had from most of the providers.

4 If you all will look at it
5 carefully and then get us your comments back, that
6 would be very helpful because in any reg, there's
7 always tweaks, but we need to get it out and get it
8 implemented so that we can start paying for some
9 and, then, we'll address the concerns that you all
10 have.

11 Now, I would ask you all to
12 look at the reg and keep in mind that we have
13 basically made everything a potential telehealth
14 service. We are already getting a lot of calls from
15 out of state.

16 Our intent hopefully with the
17 85% was to avoid that for a little bit of time and
18 then bump it up, but that being said, our desire is
19 to have our Kentucky providers benefit from this reg
20 rather than expand it to--I mean, expanding provider
21 services is what we're all about, but you all
22 understand, I think, I hope, what I'm trying to say.

23 So, we need you to look at the
24 reg, make sure if you have any comments that they
25 get to Jonathan because he does all of our regs,

1 and, then, be thinking about--so, this is about
2 telehealth, expanding it, making it equal to an
3 office visit as much as we can.

4 It's not about telemetry
5 services. It's not about expanding scopes of
6 services for providers. Now, all of those, we are
7 looking into telemetry because we think that that's
8 a good thing, and, so, we're looking at how we would
9 do it, with what groups of patients we would do it
10 with and we'll probably be reaching back out to you
11 all asking your thoughts on that, but just keep in
12 mind, look at it as a telehealth regulation and
13 provide your comments based on that.

14 And, then, your expansive
15 comments where you would like us to do more, we'd
16 like those comments but in a different format.

17 MR. REINHARDT: And Missy
18 probably has a little more to add to this, but in
19 our space, the distinction is often--I mean, this
20 isn't an encounter typically. It can be like in
21 certain circumstances, but a lot of times, this is
22 data that's coming in that's being monitored.

23 So, you're keeping track of
24 blood pressure, O2, all of that, even as complex as
25 like sleeping, how well you slept.

1 MS. STOBBER: So, a physician
2 or a provider visit is not covered under the home
3 health regulation. You have to have a provider who
4 is signing the plan of care. So, that may help us
5 with something like making sure we have a face-to-
6 face encounter for those places that we need it but
7 not relevant to Medicaid.

8 However, the telemonitoring we
9 were speaking of, it's not telehealth. It's
10 telemonitoring. So, there's lots of data that I
11 believe the Association sent that would be
12 reimbursable for the unit and then the monitoring of
13 that which does show a significant decrease in cost
14 of rehospitalizations which could save Medicaid a
15 lot of money.

16 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Sure,
17 sure and that's what we're looking at. That's why
18 we're running through our numbers and looking at how
19 would we operationalize that.

20 I actually did that in Alabama
21 twenty years ago and it worked extraordinarily well,
22 particularly in our rural areas.

23 So, I am very much on board
24 with it, but we have to go through our process and
25 how would we implement it, what codes, how would we

1 pay for it, where are we going to get the money to
2 pay for it and that's where we have to do with our
3 Finance Department, okay, if we do this and we avoid
4 three hospitalizations, but even more so, if we
5 avoid a catastrophic event that someone is not only
6 a hospitalization but a rehospitalization.

7 You know better than I do all
8 of the outcomes but that we are indeed looking at
9 and would like to do something relatively quickly.
10 Now, that's state government talk.

11 MS. DYER: When you did it in
12 Alabama, did each individual agency own their own
13 equipment - that's what we're accustomed to - or was
14 it a state-driven program?

15 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: It was
16 a state-driven. Back then, it was a pilot. So, it
17 was done out of the University of South Alabama and
18 they owned all the equipment and is sent out.

19 And, so, that's what we would
20 need to think about and we would need your input on
21 what's the best way to do that so that we can both
22 save money and provide the services to the
23 beneficiaries.

24 MS. STOBBER: And I would say
25 having telemonitoring units available as part of a

1 standard plan of care in home health these days is
2 like the six-vital-sign kind of thing. So, having
3 them available now is not an issue like it was
4 twenty years ago where nobody had them at their
5 disposal or usage.

6 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Or you
7 couldn't go to the drugstore and buy them off the
8 shelf. You could, I guess, and spend a lot of money
9 but now you can buy all of this stuff.

10 MS. STOBBER: Well, this unit
11 actually----

12 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So you
13 can monitor yourself, I guess I should say.

14 MS. STOBBER: Well, the
15 monitoring we're talking about actually, then, feeds
16 data back and there's someone watching it.

17 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Right.
18 Right. If you have an irregular rhythm, it alarms.

19 MS. STOBBER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: I'm
21 very familiar with that.

22 MS. DYER: And you have
23 doctor's orders for parameters and lots of times
24 orders - you know this - if blood pressure is "x",
25 then, you can administer or give orders for Lasix or

1 whatever.

2 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Or you
3 call the woman whose blood sugar has gone up to
4 three or four hundred and she's had birthday cake
5 that day, but the telemetry we are looking at but
6 the reg is dealing with telehealth.

7 MR. REINHARDT: We'll get that
8 out and definitely take a close look, but I think
9 just conceptually we're looking for more the ability
10 for an individual agency to look at that data to
11 avoid the encounter as opposed to doing a video
12 encounter.

13 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Well,
14 and it fits in with what the Cabinet and this
15 administration is all about is how do we empower
16 people to know more about their health, and a
17 telemetry unit is a good way of doing that. You can
18 do so much education. They're taking part in making
19 a decision about when data goes or when it does.
20 It's a win/win. It's just we have to go through how
21 do we do it, how can we afford it and make all the
22 math work, and your information has been very
23 helpful. So, thank you.

24 MR. REINHARDT: And that's the
25 part about the equipment and the complexity now.

1 It's just amazing. It can all be Bluetoothed in
2 different parts at home, feed into a central unit
3 and, then, that gets uploaded. Obviously, in a more
4 rural area with less connectivity, you might need a
5 different setup but there are so many different
6 options out there. It sounds like we're on the same
7 page.

8 COMMISSIONER STECKEL:

9 Absolutely. I smiled about Bluetooth. The
10 Secretary is a young man and the Deputy Secretary is
11 young and everybody around us are young, and, so,
12 I'm learning a lot about technology. I thought I
13 was technologically advanced. No. They're teasing
14 me because they tell me I should have a--what is
15 that phone they advertise on TV for the elderly
16 people with the big numbers on it?

17 MS. ASHER: A Jitterbug.

18 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: A
19 Jitterbug. The Secretary said I should have a
20 Jitterbug and he's probably not too terribly far
21 off, but you're exactly right. Now it's so much
22 easier and it gives people control and that's what
23 is so exciting about it.

24 So, we're on board. We just
25 have to figure out how to do it.

1 MR. REINHARDT: Anything else
2 you need from us, we're happy to help. And, again,
3 it's already in Indiana. It's in Colorado. It's in
4 a couple of other states.

5 MS. CARTRIGHT: South
6 Carolina.

7 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: We got
8 your information, so, that was helpful. We had a
9 National Association of Medicaid Directors' meeting
10 last week, two weeks ago, and Stephanie was asking a
11 couple of folks about it. So, give us some time.
12 Stay on us but give us some time and we will work it
13 out.

14 MR. REINHARDT: Sounds good.

15 MS. CARTRIGHT: Thank you.
16 So, under New Business, I think we had some
17 questions about the physical requirements for home
18 health employees.

19 We would like to get this
20 regulation removed actually. It is burdensome and
21 costly. We were cited on an OIG visit because they
22 did not think that we did appropriate medical health
23 screenings on our employees which, in turn, turned
24 into a physical for employees.

25 It's a lot of money for the

1 agency to put out for these full physicals when,
2 generally speaking, in the past, we have never had
3 any issues with our form. We talk about TB, flu,
4 all those things, but they said this was a
5 requirement.

6 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: What
7 regulation? Do you have the cite?

8 MS. STOBBER: It's in the home
9 health reg.

10 MS. CARTRIGHT: It's in the
11 home health regs. I can get that for you.

12 COMMISSIONER STECKEL:
13 Jonathan probably knows it right off the top of his
14 head.

15 MS. STOBBER: I've been here in
16 the state a long time, too, and for probably, of the
17 thirty years I've been doing this, twenty-two to
18 twenty-five of them we did the same process with the
19 screening and did the TB testing but we did a
20 screening for TB and other issues and, then, it
21 could be signed off by a nurse.

22 And, then, one day a different
23 surveyor came in and all of a sudden got cited as
24 well - not all the areas that we have in the state -
25 and, then, we had to move to go in to do everybody

1 had to have a physical. So, we had to go to an op
2 med place and have a physician do it. So, it's
3 costly.

4 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So,
5 what does a physical get you that a TB and flu
6 screening----

7 MS. STOBBER: We have no idea.
8 It's fit to work. I guess if you were like in a
9 hospital where you're doing a lot of other--I mean,
10 you're in a facility but we're not. We're in folks'
11 homes. I'm not sure.

12 MS. BROWN: So, is it about
13 workers' comp? Is it lifting?

14 MS. STOBBER: Well, our
15 workers' comp----

16 MS. CARTRIGHT: We have
17 workers' comp. She basically said that I needed to
18 know that my employees didn't have diseases. And I
19 said, well, I mean, you know, we do these
20 screenings. In Baptist's world, everybody gets a
21 flu shot - that's a requirement - and everybody gets
22 screened for TB and all kinds of other
23 questionnaires, a wellness thing that you do every
24 year and we have employee health.

25 And the interesting thing was

1 my office in Madisonville didn't get cited but my
2 office in Paducah, Lexington and Louisville and
3 Breckinridge did.

4 MS. STOBBER: It hasn't been
5 consistent. It was like some of them did and then
6 some did not.

7 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: One
8 surveyor versus another surveyor.

9 MS. STOBBER: Yes, and then it
10 started to spread.

11 MS. DYER: We weren't cited on
12 it actually. I don't know why but we weren't. We
13 do have like blood pressure, pulse, assessment,
14 heart rate, you know, more than screening.

15 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: This is
16 just my ignorance, so, I apologize, but what I would
17 be worried about is my beneficiaries being exposed
18 to something. So, if you've tested for TB, I guess,
19 does your physical----

20 MS. CARTRIGHT: Hepatitis and
21 all that.

22 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: You've
23 tested for Hepatitis A and C, you do TB, all the
24 things that we hear about in the newspaper. So,
25 what does a physical do that would help me protect

1 my beneficiary?

2 MS. CARTRIGHT: Nothing that
3 we know of.

4 MS. STOBBER: The word physical
5 is in the reg, and I think people--the word
6 physical. So, it moved from having surveyors who
7 had been there and done it and then someone
8 interpreted that as being it had to be by a
9 physician.

10 MS. CARTRIGHT: Full blown.

11 MS. STOBBER: Yes. It's very
12 costly.

13 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Let me
14 look into that with Jonathan and see because our
15 goal is to protect our beneficiaries. Let me look
16 into that and see what we can find out.

17 It's so much that you want the
18 reg done away with. You want the word physical
19 removed.

20 MS. STOBBER: Screening would
21 be better.

22 MS. CARTRIGHT: Screening
23 would be a better word.

24 MS. STOBBER: Because we all
25 had a screening process.

1 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Great.
2 This is helpful. Let me look into it.

3 MS. CARTRIGHT: Okay. Thank
4 you.

5 And, then, Evan, I wasn't sure
6 about the MCO visit limitations.

7 MR. REINHARDT: So, we brought
8 that up at the last meeting and the topic was
9 basically it's administratively burdensome to only
10 have a limited number of visits authorized and then
11 you max those out really quick and you've got to go
12 right back for a PA.

13 So, the thought process was if
14 we can demonstrate medical necessity, why can't we
15 have a little bit more room to breathe and let more
16 visits be authorized and then the agency doesn't
17 have to come back literally. And I don't know what
18 the turnaround is but it sounded like it was within
19 weeks.

20 MS. CARTRIGHT: It is.

21 MS. DYER: It can be very
22 quick.

23 MS. CARTRIGHT: It can very
24 quick and then you're waiting and waiting to see if
25 they're going to be authorized because if you send

1 somebody out in good faith, you run the risk of not
2 getting paid.

3 MS. BROWN: It's not done by
4 the CPT code?

5 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: But the
6 agency wouldn't have anything to do with this. It
7 would be the MCOs.

8 MR. REINHARDT: So, the MCO is
9 saying you get - I'm just throwing numbers out - you
10 get five visits. Well, you're going to use five
11 visits, depending on the person, within the first
12 week or two. Then you've got to go back and do
13 another PA, and not only are you doing the
14 administrative burden of applying for the PA, but
15 now you've got to wait and it could take----

16 MS. CARTRIGHT: We've got
17 patients and they're like what do we do.

18 MS. DYER: It can take up to
19 two weeks.

20 MS. CARTRIGHT: We haven't
21 heard back. They need wound care.

22 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: What do
23 our MCOs say about this?

24 MS. OWEN: Is it a particular
25 MCO? Speaking for Anthem, I'm the lead for the

1 department that actually does the prior
2 authorizations. You all give us your care plan.
3 It's typically sixty days and you ask for whatever
4 you think you will need in those sixty days and,
5 then, we either approve it or deny it based on
6 medical necessity.

7 So, if you tell us we need ten
8 skilled nursing visits for this time span, that's
9 what gets reviewed. We don't have a max, speaking
10 from Anthem.

11 MS. ASHER: We review based on
12 what's requested - this is from Aetna - what's
13 requested and then we'll determine whether or not
14 that's an appropriate amount based on----

15 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So, you
16 would approve whatever is medically necessary
17 according to your guidelines.

18 MS. ASHER: Right. Yes. We
19 would use InterQual guidelines and determine based
20 on what the findings are and what the plan of care
21 states whether or not it's an excessive amount or if
22 it's an appropriate amount or what it may be.

23 MS. STEPHENS: We do the same
24 process except with Milliman.

25 MR. SPALDING: I'll take it

1 back and find out but I believe it's the same
2 process as well. It's whatever the provider
3 requests.

4 MS. STOBBER: But my
5 understanding is that InterQual does have visit
6 limits on it. So, I could have a hip or a knee
7 replacement patient and we may look at six weeks'
8 worth of care, but InterQual would only up front
9 tell them you need four weeks of care.

10 So, it's different because
11 InterQual is trying to set some minimum standards
12 because if an MCO is an organization who also does
13 Medicare replacement, they're getting pots of money.
14 They get a monthly amount and they're trying to cut
15 it off and, then, hopefully incrementally add.

16 We see that when you have a
17 Medicare replacement plan on a regular basis. So,
18 they use the same process for their Medicare
19 replacement plans as they do - the InterQual - as
20 they do with Medicaid, and the difference is is that
21 Medicaid doesn't have visit limits and it's a burden
22 on the agency to have to do that.

23 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: But it
24 has to be medically necessary. So, if InterQual,
25 which is the group we use, all of us use, says that

1 it's six weeks or four weeks, and even though you
2 all have said six weeks----

3 MS. STOBBER: They use the
4 minimum standard. And, then, what will happen is we
5 will go back and say, yes, they do need the other
6 two weeks and we'll usually get it approved but we
7 have to stop and do that.

8 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So,
9 here is what we would need from you guys is data
10 that shows that exact point. Of 100 requests that
11 we've made beyond the date, you've approved 99% of
12 them. Then, that gives the MCOs more information to
13 work on, but this is a decision that the MCOs would
14 have to make.

15 MS. STOBBER: I think the
16 difference is, too, is InterQual is looking at the
17 total population and a Medicaid population by
18 demographics is way, way, way different than your
19 Medicare replacement plan patients, not all of them
20 but there is some overlap.

21 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Sure,
22 sure.

23 MS. CARTRIGHT: I was going to
24 say, InterQual does not take into consideration the
25 social----

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MS. STOBBER: Right.

COMMISSIONER STECKEL: But it's my understanding, though, and I could be really wrong on this, so, correct me if I am, that if the MCOs determine medical necessity in a way that's different than InterQual, you could do that. Correct?

MS. ASHER: What we do, speaking Aetna-wise, the way we review, we don't necessarily go by the timelines that InterQual recommends because InterQual is very stringent. A lot of the requests, InterQual will only approve two weeks. We go by the visits.

So, if InterQual says six visits over two weeks, if you're requesting six visits over six weeks, if it meets medical necessity, then, we go by the visit. We don't go by the timeline.

COMMISSIONER STECKEL: But if you need twelve visits over six weeks, how would you make that determination?

MS. ASHER: That would have to go to the Medical Director and the Medical Director would determine at that point----

MS. STOBBER: Which takes a

1 long time.

2 MS. ASHER: ----because it's
3 outside of the scope of the nurse, what the nurse
4 can approve.

5 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Got
6 you.

7 MS. PURDON: Speaking strictly
8 for Hayswood, I don't think we mind as much
9 requesting it but you have to wait up to like two
10 days before. On our Medicare replacements, we can
11 call and get an answer that day. On Medicaid, we're
12 waiting a very long time. And we're one of those
13 that send it out in good faith and sometimes don't
14 end up with our money.

15 MS. STOBBER: I think the word
16 stringent that she uses was a good term.

17 MS. PURDON: If we could just
18 get a quicker turnaround on it, we would be
19 thrilled.

20 MS. DYER: I think that is a
21 big part of it because we have the order to go. And
22 it's my understanding if we have the order to go, we
23 have to follow the plan of care; but if we don't
24 have preauth, we have to--and in EPSDT Special--it
25 happens across all the services that we provide, not

1 lucrative that we're trying to excessively utilize
2 visits. I would go on the other end.

3 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Well,
4 unfortunately, the good people get caught up because
5 there are bad people out there and we have to set
6 rules based on them, not on you, unfortunately, but
7 I hear what you're saying.

8 We have a Managed Care Medical
9 Directors' meeting this week, I believe. So, I'd
10 like to put this on that agenda; and if you all will
11 take it back with the idea of how do we turn these
12 things around quicker, then, that would be helpful.

13 MS. STOBBER: There's no way on
14 nights or weekends. If you've got to start a care
15 on a Friday afternoon, the turnaround time, the MCOs
16 shut down all of their authorization processes.

17 So, even if you have an
18 organization or a place where you have authorization
19 and eligibility that can run and you have a way to
20 do that, it becomes immaterial because there's no
21 one working anything nights, weekends or holidays.
22 So, you're risking patient care because of the lack
23 of turnaround.

24 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So,
25 what would be helpful, I think, for both the MCOs

1 and for us is if you all can quantify the number of
2 approvals that you get versus disapprovals. It says
3 something different to me if 90% are being approved
4 versus 20%.

5 The other thing, too, that
6 would be interesting is of the folks that you don't
7 get the approvals for in time, how many of them end
8 up back in the hospital?

9 MS. DYER: And how long it
10 takes to get the approval. Would you like that in
11 there?

12 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Yes,
13 please.

14 MS. DYER: And a breakdown of
15 who does what per MCO, per Medicaid?

16 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: That
17 would be helpful, yes, because then we can go
18 directly to the MCO. That would be helpful.

19 MS. OWEN: Speaking from
20 Anthem again, our turnaround time is a strict two
21 days. We're pretty strict. It has to be in and out
22 the door from the time that you all fax it or call
23 it in and we send back your decision. It should
24 always be a two-business day thing. It should never
25 go beyond that.

1 MS. CARTRIGHT: I think the
2 issue, though, is, like she said, on Friday, you
3 can't get an approval. You have an IV.

4 MS. PURDON: Or if it gets to
5 a Medical Director.

6 MS. OWEN: With Anthem, even
7 if it has to go to the Medical Director, it should
8 be two business days.

9 MR. REINHARDT: But assuming
10 the best-case scenario, so, you guys turn it around
11 in two days, the nurse isn't just sitting there
12 waiting to go and do the visit. They're going to
13 get out there as soon as they can, but you're going
14 to have up to kind of a three- or four-day gap there
15 and, then, who knows what's happened if it's a COPD,
16 CHF and they've had four cans of soup for dinner one
17 night.

18 So, all those kinds of things.
19 Even if there's some way where we can create some
20 sort of an exception to allow that service to happen
21 quicker and still align with your processes, but to
22 get that nurse out there for the visit so that we
23 can prevent any sort of deterioration in the
24 condition.

25 MS. STOBBER: The majority of

1 our patients come out on Thursday, Friday and
2 Saturday, at least from the large group of providers
3 that I'm representing.

4 MS. DYER: That's true of the
5 small ones, too.

6 MS. STOBBER: I thought so.
7 I'm just saying I thought that was everybody but I
8 can't speak for you all.

9 MS. CARTRIGHT: They work
10 nights, weekends and holidays. In one of my
11 offices, we have six nurses working every weekend
12 because that's just how busy we are.

13 MS. STOBBER: Friday is huge.

14 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: So, we
15 will raise it at the Medical Directors' meeting and
16 if you all could take it back, that would be great
17 because I know we've got a couple of MCOs that
18 aren't here today. So, we'll talk about it at the
19 Medical Directors' meeting.

20 MS. BROWN: When is that,
21 Commissioner?

22 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Good
23 question. I know what I'm doing today only because
24 I have this. It's this week.

25 MS. DYER: So, would you like

1 data over like a month's period of time? How much
2 data would you like?

3 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: I think
4 a month would give us a taste of what it's going to
5 be.

6 What else do we have on the
7 agenda?

8 MS. CARTRIGHT: Talking about
9 the supplies that are excluded from the Fee Schedule
10 is the last topic I think we have.

11 MR. REINHARDT: Susan who
12 couldn't be here today but she had sent over a list
13 of supplies to Sharley to have a look at. So, we
14 were just looking for feedback on that.

15 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: I don't
16 know the answer to the question. I'd have to get
17 with Sharley and she is with her camera on some
18 beach in Florida. So, supplies that aren't on the
19 Fee Schedule.

20 MS. CARTRIGHT: Yes. We sent
21 a list over for Sharley to review.

22 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Okay.

23 MS. CARTRIGHT: Is there
24 anything else? I don't have anything on the agenda.

25 MR. REINHARDT: We have one

1 other thing. I know you guys are in the middle of
2 things with EVV but just in terms of the timeline,
3 there's been some discussion my counterparts around
4 the country about 1/1/20 implementation, and I
5 didn't know if you could speak to that at all.

6 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: No. I
7 know we're looking--EVV is one of our modules in our
8 MMIS. So, we're looking at that. Other than that,
9 everything else would be guessing. So, I don't
10 know. I don't think we're in a position to
11 implement it any sooner.

12 MR. REINHARDT: No. Other
13 states are asking for--they're at this point----

14 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: Asking
15 for an extension?

16 MR. REINHARDT: Yes. They've
17 not gone into the process of implementation. So,
18 they're asking for CMS to give them an extension.
19 So, I didn't know if that was something that was
20 potentially on the radar just being that we're
21 approaching July 1 here pretty quick and would only
22 have six months to kind of gear things up.

23 And just based on the
24 experience in Indiana, I know a lot goes into that.
25 There's a lot of work there. So, I just wanted to

1 throw that out there.

2 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: I'll
3 look into it. It hasn't come to my desk yet. A lot
4 of times, it helps that other states are doing it
5 and we can stand down and take the benefit of an
6 extension.

7 MR. REINHARDT: Well, even
8 some states that theoretically were way ahead of
9 everyone else, Ohio in particular, has been doing a
10 lot and they're going to ask for a waiver, I
11 believe. They've just had some technical issues
12 because with having to get so many systems to try to
13 communicate to a central repository, there's just a
14 lot of logistics and they've run into some hiccups,
15 it sounds like.

16 COMMISSIONER STECKEL: And
17 this will be something that will hit Program
18 Integrity.

19 MS. DYER: Is that mainly in
20 personal care?

21 MR. REINHARDT: The definition
22 of personal care includes home health in it.

23 MS. DYER: And then other home
24 health 2023?

25 MR. REINHARDT: Yes. So, if

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you're only doing kind of a select bit of services,
that's 1/1/23, but we're basically telling everybody
you're carved into the definition. So, 2020 is the
date.

COMMISSIONER STECKEL: We'll
get to you all on that.

MS. CARTRIGHT: Okay. Thank
you.

Okay. Our next meeting is
August 13th, and if no one else has anything, I
guess we're adjourned.

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