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5	Evan Reinhardt Susan Stewart Marlana Falgarharry (nat present)
6	Marlene Falconberry (not present) Teudis Perez
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MS. SHEETS: Good morning. This 1 2 is Kelli with the Department of Medicaid 3 Services. Welcome to the Home Health TAC 4 5 this morning. 6 Currently, I only see Susan and 7 Evan on. If I have missed anyone, please 8 speak up. Okay. I have eleven o'clock, 9 10 but we will give it a couple of minutes in 11 hopes that a couple more TAC members join. 12 MS. STEWART: Our chair is 13 probably in the line of the storm. I am 14 not sure about the other two. 15 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, Annlynn 16 definitely said she would possibly not be making it. So not sure about Teudis and 17 18 Marlene, but we will give them a couple 19 moments here. MS. SHEETS: Sounds good. 20 Thank 21 you. 22 MR. REINHARDT: You're welcome. 23 MS. SHEETS: Okay. I am still 24 showing just Susan and Evan, but if you 25 want to go ahead and get started -- we do SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington

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1	not have a quorum, but in the interest of
2	time, if you want to go ahead and get
3	started, that's fine, and I can let you
4	know if any other TAC members join if that
5	is okay with you.
6	MR. REINHARDT: Sounds good.
7	So we will jump straight down to
8	old business and two topics for
9	consideration there.
10	First up is supplies limits,
11	which I think has been something where we
12	have worked on on the agenda for a few
13	years and we are just trying to narrow in
14	on a bit of an answer and guidance for
15	folks to know what the limits are in terms
16	of billing supplies. I think Erin has had
17	that on the radar here since the last
18	meeting.
19	MS. SHEETS: Hi Evan, it is
20	Kelli again. I have received a couple of
21	reports one from Passport, one from
22	WellCare. I can include those in the
23	follow-up email that I will send out after
24	today's meeting, but if there is anyone
25	else on the MCO list that would like to 4
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1 address, that would be great. 2 MR. ELLIS: You should have 3 received something from Humana as well, 4 but we actually don't have any specific 5 plans. We abide by what the state has so 6 maybe that is why you didn't have 7 something specific for Humana. MS. SHEETS: Yes. 8 MS. STEWART: Kelli, this is 9 10 Susan. My question is in the report that 11 you have received. Is it all-inclusive or 12 does it have gaping holes? MS. SHEETS: I will send that 13 14 out and let you decide. I can send that 15 out right now if you would like. 16 MS. STEWART: We have gotten 17 data before, but it is a spreadsheet with 18 gaping holes. So we would like to have 19 the information. 20 MS. PURDON: My assumption is 21 that it might be what you have gotten 22 before, the same format, but I will let 23 you decide that. 24 MS. STEWART: Okay. Thank you. 25 MR. REINHARDT: Thanks, Kelli. SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Lexington Louisville 533-8961 |

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This is Suzanne with 1 MS. LEWIS: 2 United. 3 I don't think I sent anything 4 in, and I am happy to if you need that, 5 but similar to Humana, we follow what 6 guidance the state has set and CMS rules 7 so there is not a specific list of supplies or codes or supply limits. 8 Ιf there were examples of something that 9 wasn't getting paid, we would love to have 10 11 those examples sent to us so we can 12 research it. 13 If anybody has any issues with 14 that, that would be helpful to us to 15 research what is not getting paid. I 16 think if there are claims issues, just 17 talking through sometimes with my claims 18 team, sometimes supplies can be added to 19 multiple lines for the same item and 20 sometimes those can be kicked out as it 21 looks like it might be a duplicate, so I 2.2 don't know if that is something that home 23 health providers are experiencing, but 24 again, without an example or a specific 25 thing to go back and look and investigate

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to see, it is kind of hard to know the 1 2 answer. But we are happy to do that and 3 we are happy to help if there is something 4 that you all are seeing. 5 Like this particular code and if 6 it's billed a certain way and it gets 7 kicked out every time if we do X. Those are the kinds of things that can help us 8 9 go back and investigate what our system 10 might be doing. 11 MS. STEWART: I can maybe 12 provide some clarity on that. It is not about a prior auth to get supplies. 13 It is 14 about getting the billing quantities. 15 What are the billing quantities? 16 If Passport's billing quantities 17 for four by fours is one box of 40, we 18 don't know that. And yours might be 50, 19 so we don't know what the billing 20 quantities are, so if we bill it as over 21 the billing allowance then we get the 22 denial, but we don't know what that issue 23 is. 24 MS. LEWIS: Okay. And like I 25 said, we don't have a specific list of SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort Louisville Lexington

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codes or quantities to that degree, so if 1 2 you are saying that, again, if you have a 3 code where you are seeing that happen 4 consistently, it would be helpful for us 5 to have that. 6 MR. ELLIS: Yes. 7 MS. STEWART: My counter to is that you probably do. It's in your 8 billing manual and it's in your billing 9 10 edits. We would just like to know what 11 those are. MR. ELLIS: Yeah. Unless it is 12 13 tricking against the states billing 14 guidelines. The state has limitations 15 then -- at least for Humana -- we 16 implement what the state has and we abide 17 by what the state has. 18 And then the state has -- there 19 might also be some that are published by 20 CMS where the state also abides by CMS's 21 standards, but again, at least for Humana, 2.2 we do not have MCO specific limitations on 23 supplies beyond what the state and CMS has 24 published. 25 MS. LEWIS: Yes. Same for SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort Lexington Louisville (859) 533-8961 sworntestimonyky.com

United. 1 2 MR. REINHARDT: So Kelli, if 3 that is the case, is there someone that we 4 can talk to in DMS to confirm? 5 MS. SHEETS: Yes. I can take 6 that back. 7 MR. ELLIS: You all publish it. It is in the fee schedule. As the supply 8 limits a lot of times in the fee 9 schedules. 10 11 MS. STEWART: Can you give me your definition of a supply limit? 12 MR. ELLIS: From the fee 13 14 schedule I think I saw an example that said 50 boxes. Like it has a code and it 15 16 says 50 boxes, or something like that. 17 Or, I think I saw something 18 where it says sterile gloves 99 or 19 something like that. I would have to go 20 back and look at the state's fee schedule, 21 but there were specific units that are 22 noted in there. 23 MS. STEWART: My question to 24 that would be supply limits and billing 25 quantities might be two different things, SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington

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but we can go down this rabbit hole --1 2 MR. ELLIS: Again, similar to 3 UHC -- and I think that this is probably 4 true for all of the MCOs -- if you are 5 actually seeing an issue with the claim, 6 like a claim example that is causing this 7 issue, by all means, I don't think any of the MCOs would disagree that we would like 8 9 to research those examples for you all. MR. REINHARDT: I don't know if 10 the most recent fee schedule I can find on 11 12 the website talks about limitations, but 13 those are all for incontinence products 14 and adult briefs or diapers. So I don't 15 see any other limits as far as that goes. 16 MR. ELLIS: Does that also 17 account for -- some of the things that you 18 bill are also applied to the DMA fee 19 schedule by chance? 20 MR. REINHARDT: Not that we are 21 aware. We can cross reference, but there 22 are only a handful of items on the fee 23 schedule that have limits and that is like 24 Betadine wipes, a catheter, urethral 25 clamp, and a couple of other things. None 10 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC

1	of the other things, like the four by
2	fours, none of that is listed in terms of
3	having a limit on the monthly or annual
4	basis.
5	MR. ELLIS: Okay. So if you are
6	seeing a claim as if there was a limit,
7	then we would recommend that you send that
8	to us as an example so that we can
9	research those.
10	MR. REINHARDT: Yes, we will do
11	that, happy to.
12	MR. ELLIS: Okay. Great.
13	MR. REINHARDT: Any other MCOs
14	on the supply limits discussion?
15	Hearing none
16	MR. OWEN: Good morning. This
17	is Stuart Owen with WellCare.
18	We sent the list, and an issue
19	in the past we have talked about this
20	before is some because we have limits
21	and some of the CMS limits are proprietary
22	so we point that out on our list.
23	They're part of the medically
24	unlikely edit MUE and they actually cannot
25	publish it. And the rationale is you can 11
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1	bill whatever is needed based on the plan
2	of care for the member, and if it is
3	published then coincidentally that is what
4	will be billed. But we know that some of
5	those are CMS proprietary, so we don't
6	publish those because it is forbidden to
7	publish them.
8	MR. REINHARDT: Do you know if
9	like, four by fours fall into that
10	category, Stuart?
11	MR. OWEN: No, I'm sorry. I
12	don't.
13	MR. ELLIS: Four by fours, can
14	you elaborate?
15	MR. REINHARDT: Susan, what's
16	that? It's just a bandage, right?
17	MS. STEWART: It is four by four
18	gauze.
19	MR. ELLIS: Got it. Thank you.
20	All right. We will jump down to
21	the next item. This data for home health
22	aide utilization, we put that request into
23	DMS and it is still in progress. Erin and
24	I were just exchanging some emails on that
25	today. That is something that we are 12
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definitely interested in just for 1 2 discussion purposes here today. 3 We have seen the erosion and 4 almost underutilization of home health 5 aides within the home health benefit 6 across Kentucky, so we are interested to 7 see what that data looks like over the last -- our range of 15 to 20 years, just 8 to see that utilization trend to see where 9 10 things stand currently. 11 So that request has been put into DMS and should be forthcoming here 12 13 soon. 14 We will jump down to new 15 business. PleurX drains being covered was 16 listed as in progress in the last discussion that we had. 17 18 So Kelli, I don't know if you 19 have any update on that from the DMS side. 20 MS. SHEETS: April, are you on? 21 Are you able to discuss? 2.2 MS. LOWERY: Yes, Kelli and 23 Evan. 24 So we are continuing to look at 25 adding that code. We did find it on the 13 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington (859) 533-8961 | sworntestimonyky.com

BME fee schedule, and we are long-term 1 2 services and supports is working to get 3 that added and republished. 4 MR. REINHARDT: Do you have any 5 idea, April, what the delivery date will 6 be on that? 7 MS. LOWERY: I do not, but Kelli, if you help me take an action item, 8 or Erin, we will follow up. 9 10 MS. SHEETS: We will. 11 MR. REINHARDT: We will get some additional follow up on that. Down to 12 item B. Some providers are experiencing 13 issues of billing and getting paid for 14 claims. 15 I think we have a WellCare 16 17 example here related to condition code on 18 the claim. There was some separate 19 dialogue on this. I don't know if we 20 reached resolution, but I wanted to have 21 it on the agenda just for flagging it for 2.2 discussion purposes here today. 23 MR. OWEN: Evan, I know we have 24 been working with, I think, a couple of 25 different providers and I'm trying to pull 14 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington

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1	up the summary.
2	I think Christina Rose and Aaron
3	Allen are on and I don't want to put
4	you all on the spot, but I know that we
5	have specific examples that they've been
6	researching them and I think it gets a
7	little bit convoluted as far as what it
8	really is, the condition code 12, or if
9	there was another issue. I am trying to
10	pull up the summary.
11	I don't know if Christina or
12	Aaron want to add anything, but it is like
13	a couple specific providers we have been
14	working with, right?
15	MS. ALLEN: Stuart, this is
16	Aaron. Yes, there are a few providers
17	that we are working with. I am not
18	certain we are not clear yet if it has
19	to do with the admission code 12 or the
20	admission date being listed on the UB.
21	Our operation's team and Libby Caudill are
22	still working on that, but we are actively
23	working on this issue.
24	MR. OWEN: Yeah, the admission
25	date that's what I forgot about 15
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1 that. 2 So it could be that, but the 3 actual condition code that is the issue. 4 Reporting the admission date on the claim 5 that could be the root of the problem. 6 MS. ALLEN: And then also, an 7 admission diagnosis. I forgot what block that was in on the UB, but it is still 8 kind of not clear what the issue is. We 9 10 are still working on it. 11 MR. REINHARDT: All right. 12 Thanks for the update. If you need any help from our end, please let us know, but 13 14 appreciate you all working with the 15 providers on that issue. 16 MS. STEWART: Evan, I have a 17 question for Stuart. I want to go back to 18 the supply question. 19 Stuart, you said that the MUEs 20 were proprietary by CMS, so does that mean 21 that every -- that you all should be 2.2 standard on what your MUE is or can 23 everyone of you all have a varying MUE? 24 MR. OWEN: So we use CMS and DMS 25 so I think that we are probably uniform, 16 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC

1 but the ones that are proprietary, we 2 don't include those on the list. 3 I would think that we are all 4 uniform on that. 5 MS. STEWART: And I think that 6 is where our problem is, Stuart, they are 7 not uniform, and maybe our question needs 8 to go to CMS. 9 MR. OWEN: And we even did 10 this and I remember doing this before, 11 we actually which is kind of like good 12 luck and who at CMS, and we did and we 13 ultimately we got an email, which was like 14 four years ago from someone at CMS that 15 confirmed yes, it is proprietary. 16 But I don't think everybody has 17 to use CMS limits, we do and then we do 18 include it in the ones that are 19 proprietary and we don't publish those.
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20 MS. STEWART: Because we happen
21 to know that your limits are different
22 than somebody else's limits and what
23 happens is you bill a claim and you will
24 have 40 four by fours, and it will get
25 denied, and then you work backwards, okay, 17
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like 35, and that one gets paid and the 1 2 number is somewhere between 35 and 40, so 3 did you miss out on billing five four by 4 fours or what? 5 And we know that your MUEs are 6 different than somebody else's MUEs. I 7 think that if CMS is the one dictating that, then maybe we need to take that in a 8 different direction, Evan. 9 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah. 10 11 MS. STEWART: Because that is 12 not standard. 13 MR. ELLIS: By the way, I did 14 post in the chat some of the gauze codes 15 that are on the MUE CMS site. Of course, 16 it does say proprietary, like Stuart said, 17 but at least it gives you the visibility 18 of some of the codes that would trigger --19 we would expect to trigger. 20 MS. STEWART: Well, maybe Elon 21 Musk will fix this too. 22 MR. ELLIS: All right. I am 23 going on mute now. 24 MR. OWEN: Yeah. Me too. 25 MR. REINHARDT: All right. 18 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Lexington Frankfort | Louisville (859) 533-8961 sworntestimonyky.com

1	Well, thank you for the discussion on
2	that. We definitely want to track down
3	the nature of the issue here.
4	So I can try some channels
5	through the national group, Susan, to
6	reach out to CMS and see if we can get
7	some clarification from their side.
8	MS. STEWART: And Evan, I have
9	another new business that I didn't get to
10	you, because it came up yesterday.
11	And just to put it out there, we
12	are getting denials for EVV visits that
13	were prior to January the 1st, and I
14	wanted to know if anybody else was
15	experiencing that.
16	MR. ELLIS: Is that date of
17	service prior to 1/1/25?
18	MS. STEWART: Yes.
19	MR. ELLIS: That shouldn't be
20	happening for Humana. If it is, I would
21	like to see examples.
22	MS. STEWART: Okay.
23	MR. OWEN: Yeah, I was going to
24	say and I will put my email in the
25	chat but if you have examples with 19
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WellCare, because we always need examples 1 2 so that the staff can research. I am not 3 aware of it, but if you have examples, we 4 will definitely research it. 5 MS. STEWART: Okay. That was 6 all I wanted to add Evan. 7 MR. REINHARDT: And if you have any examples for UHC, Suzanne put her 8 email in the chat. 9 10 MS. STEWART: Okay. 11 MR. REINHARDT: Item C, we are 12 ready for that, the switch from Anthem to 13 UHC. We have an example, we'll run 14 through here. It looks like some of the 15 16 patients that providers are out-of-network 17 for them so. 18 MS. LEWIS: This is Suzanne from 19 United. 20 I had a question about this one. 21 I was really curious. Are the providers 22 not familiar with continuity of care 23 process, like when a patient switches from 24 one MCO to another, that there like 25 continuity of care? Is anyone familiar 20 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington (859) 533-8961 | sworntestimonyky.com

with that? 1 2 MR. REINHARDT: I am not sure if 3 they are unfamiliar with that or what the 4 issue is, this is the detail that we had 5 passed along for --6 MS. LEWIS: Okay. And we don't 7 know who was concerned about the switch, which provider? 8 9 MR. REINHARDT: I think this one 10 came from Marlene, if I am not mistaken. 11 So she is with LHC group. 12 MS. LEWIS: Okay. I am not 13 familiar with that group. 14 In essence, any one who is 15 switching from Anthem to the new MCO -- it 16 is United and Humana, we are taking on the 17 membership from Anthem -- we do have a 18 continuity of care plan and that is to 19 assist our members coming in to continue 20 receiving the care that they need with 21 their providers, while we work on trying 2.2 to get those providers in our network if 23 they are not already, and just making sure 24 that the members have the services that 25 they need. 21

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I think that without being able 1 2 to ask the questions directly or be able 3 to have the exact example, I was a little 4 bit surprised by this, to be honest. Ιf 5 the provider is calling all of the members 6 from Anthem, and then telling them to 7 switch, that is concerning to me. Without 8 contacting United and saying, hey, we have a group of members and they are all Anthem 9 and, you know, calling us to kind of work 10 through that, I think that is the most 11 12 concerning part that I had when I read 13 this. 14 We want to partner with the home 15 health agencies. We want to make sure 16 that our members get what they need, and 17 we want to be able to have the opportunity 18 to do that. 19 I would just say that if you can 20 give us the name and contact information 21 of whoever sent this in, we would love to 22 reach out to them and see how we can 23 partner to make sure that the United 24 Healthcare members can get the services 25 that they need and we can work with that 22 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC

1	particular provider to see if we can get
2	them in network. So I think we would like
3	that opportunity.
4	And then I have our director
5	from network on the call with me, Noel
6	Harilson, is on.
7	Noel, do you want to add
8	anything?
9	MR. HARILSON: No. I think you
10	summed it up nicely, Suzanne.
11	I think the biggest concern for
12	was this last part that they are asking
13	members to contact and make them switch if
14	they want to continue receiving supplies
15	from this provider. We have every desire
16	to work with this provider, but we hadn't
17	heard anything until this popped up on
18	this agenda, so we have been trying to
19	work to find out who the provider is so
20	that we can do some outreach, so I don't
21	know if anybody on the TAC who knows who
22	it is can share that.
23	I will put my email in to the
24	chat so you can have mine as well to send
25	over who the provider is or the contact we 23
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1 can reach out to to find that out, if you 2 want to send that via email to Suzanne or 3 I. 4 MR. ELLIS: And for Humana, the 5 same thing that Suzanne has stated, we 6 absolutely abide by the existing 7 authorizations that should be on file for these members receiving this care, and 8 then we also work to get the providers in 9 the network, but if they don't choose to 10 11 do that then we will work with the member 12 to migrate to a participating provider in 13 the long term. 14 MR. REINHARDT: Suzanne, I teed 15 up an email, so I will send one to Marlene 16 and copy you and hopefully you can all 17 connect. I think that we had sent one 18 previously trying to connect with another 19 member on the team so hopefully you all 20 can all get together. 21 MS. LEWIS: Wonderful. Thank 2.2 you. 23 MR. REINHARDT: You're welcome. 24 All right. Anything else on 25 that item? If not we will move down to 24 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington (859) 533-8961 sworntestimonyky.com

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1	number six, just general discussion and
2	updates from the MCOs.
3	Suzanne, since you are already
4	teed up and going from United, any updates
5	there?
6	MS. LEWIS: I don't have any
7	updates right now.
8	Noel, do you have anything?
9	MR. HARILSON: No. This is my
10	first Home Health TAC. I am familiar with
11	the TAC system, but fairly new with United
12	so I just wanted to introduce myself. I
13	am the Provider Network Director here for
14	United Healthcare.
15	We will be on these going
16	forward as well. I will defer to Suzanne
17	for most of the time, but always want to
18	be here to provide assistance and any
19	input that I can. Unfortunately, today, I
20	don't have anything, but an introduction.
21	MS. LEWIS: Thank you, Noel.
22	MR. ELLIS: I was just going to
23	say that we haven't noticed anything that
24	is out of the norm from the prior
25	discussion that we had in December. EVV 25
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1	seems to be going fairly quietly for us so
2	like I said we haven't really seen any
3	issues. If there is anything in
4	particular for Humana, by all means we are
5	interested in seeing that and I did share
6	our email in the chat.
7	MR. REINHARDT: Perfect. Thank
8	you.
9	Go ahead, Stuart.
10	MR. OWEN: I will just jump in
11	again. Same thing. Same report about
12	EVV. It seems to be going well. I know
13	it was extremely painful, all of the
14	condensed timeline, which is mandated by
15	CMS and everything, but it seems to have
16	actually launched pretty well.
17	Our auth approval rates are
18	pretty high 99 percent or something
19	like that so other than what we talked
20	about earlier with a couple of providers
21	with the admission date or something like
22	that, I'm not aware of any issues or
23	anything. Nothing related to home health
24	that is new.
25	MR. REINHARDT: Thank you. 26
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1 Passport? 2 MR. PEREZ: Good morning. This 3 is Anna Page, the Director for Utilization Management. I am taking the place of 4 5 Teresa Slattery, my manager who usually 6 attends. She is off. 7 But no issues noted with home health or the providers at this point. 8 9 None to report. 10 MR. REINHARDT: Thank you. 11 Aetna? MS. RISNER: This is Krystal 12 13 with Aetna Better Health. I wasn't sure 14 who was on with our health plan, but at 15 this time we don't have any issues to 16 report and no concerns that have presented 17 with any kind of claims data pool or 18 anything like that, but I will drop my 19 email in the chat for anyone to reach out 20 if you have issues that you do need to 21 address. MR. REINHARDT: Thank you, 2.2 23 Krystal. 24 MS. SHEETS: Evan, this is 25 Kelli. I want to let you know that Teudis 27 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington (859) 533-8961 | sworntestimonyky.com

did join, so you do have a quorum at this 1 2 point. MR. REINHARDT: Thank you. I 3 4 take it we need to go back and approve the 5 minutes? 6 MS. STEWART: I will make that 7 motion, Evan. MR. REINHARDT: Okay. 8 Susan 9 moves to approve the minutes. Teudis, can I have a second? 10 11 MR. PEREZ: Second. 12 MR. REINHARDT: Thank you. All those in favor say, "aye." 13 14 TAC MEMBERS: Aye. 15 MR. REINHARDT: Any opposed? 16 All right. So that takes care 17 of the minutes, and we are down to updates from DMS and/or Commissioner Lee. 18 19 MS. SHEETS: Commissioner Lee 20 was not able to join. 21 Is there anyone from DMS who has 22 any updates that they need to provide? 23 Hearing none, I will turn it 24 back over to you, Evan. 25 MR. REINHARDT: Thank you. 28 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Frankfort | Louisville Lexington (859) 533-8961 | sworntestimonyky.com

1 On to recommendations. We don't 2 have any recommendations for today's 3 purposes. I think that we will on the 4 next meeting just on the basis of 5 discussion about both supplies and home 6 health utilization, so be on the lookout 7 for those in the next meeting. 8 MAC meeting representation, we 9 still have Susan in that role. 10 Our next meeting will be April 11 8th, 2025. 12 Unless anybody has anything 13 else, for the good of the order, we will 14 go ahead and adjourn for today. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 29 SWORN TESTIMONY, PLLC Lexington Frankfort | Louisville (859) 533-8961 sworntestimonyky.com

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