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CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID  
HOME HEALTH  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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Via Videoconference  
December 9, 2025  
Commencing at 11 a.m.

Tiffany Felts, CVR  
Certified Verbatim Reporter

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APPEARANCES

**BOARD MEMBERS :**

Annlyn Purdon, TAC Chair  
Susan Stewart  
Janet Marlene Reynolds  
Teudis Perez (not present)  
Evan Reinhardt

1 MS. WASH: Good morning, Annlyn and a  
2 few we have here. This is Barbara Wash from  
3 the Department of Medicaid Services. It is  
4 11 o'clock, and I'm still clearing the  
5 waiting room.

6 MS. PURDON: Thank you.

7 MS. WASH: We currently have Marlene,  
8 yourself, and Evan on at this point.

9 MS. PURDON: And Susan.

10 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, we have Susan,  
11 too.

12 MS. WASH: And Susan.

13 MS. STEWART: I'm here but I'm  
14 driving, so.

15 MS. WASH: Okay.

16 MS. PURDON: Drive carefully.

17 MS. WASH: So there's four out of  
18 five.

19 MS. PURDON: Yep. Are you ready for  
20 us to start, or you still have people to  
21 clear?

22 MS. WASH: Nope, I just got the last  
23 person in so you're good to go.

24 MS. PURDON: All right.

25 MS. WASH: Thank you.

1 MS. PURDON: Welcome, everybody, to  
2 the Home Health TAC meeting. We'll start  
3 with introductions. I'm Annlyn Purdon,  
4 executive director of Hayswood Home Health.

5 MS. STEWART: Susan Stewart, CEO ARH  
6 Home Care Services.

7 MS. REYNOLDS: Janet Marlene  
8 Reynolds, regional vice president LHC Group.

9 MR. REINHARDT: I'm Evan Reinhardt  
10 with the Kentucky Home Care Association.

11 MS. PURDON: Thank you. We've  
12 already established we have a quorum. Is  
13 there a motion to approve the minutes of the  
14 last meeting, and that was October 14th?

15 MS. STEWART: I'll make that motion.  
16 Susan Stewart.

17 MR. REINHARDT: I'll second it.

18 MS. PURDON: We'll do if anybody's  
19 opposed, they can speak up. That's probably  
20 easier.

21 (No response)

22 MS. PURDON: With nobody opposed, the  
23 minutes are approved.

24 Evan, do you want to do old business?

25 MR. REINHARDT: Sure. We're just --

1           excuse me -- looking for any updates on our  
2           ongoing supplies quantities issue and  
3           questions.

4           MS. PURDON: I did see that they sent  
5           out -- and we don't do Passport, but --

6           MR. REINHARDT: Right.

7           MS. PURDON: -- of those limits. So  
8           I wonder, is Passport saying that these are  
9           the only items that they have limits on? I  
10          don't know if anybody even on the TAC does  
11          Passport, but --

12          MS. PAGE: I -- this is Anna Page. I  
13          am the director for the Utilization  
14          Management Program for Passport, so I can  
15          possibly help you with this question.

16          MS. PURDON: Thank you.

17          MS. PAGE: Yeah. So I did -- from a  
18          UM perspective for home health services, we  
19          require auth for skilled nursing visits.  
20          There are six visits auth-free, which means  
21          that the provider does not need to get the  
22          authorization to the member -- the member  
23          has used six visits. For home PT, OT,  
24          speech, it's 20 visits per each therapy  
25          type.

1           For the supplies, we, in UM, utilize  
2           the DMS fee schedules on the limits. So  
3           there are certain limits on the DMS fee  
4           schedule, and if a member goes above those  
5           limits, we would need -- require an  
6           authorization for services or supplies above  
7           those limits. So for example -- and I'm  
8           just throwing this out there; it's probably  
9           not an accurate example. Gloves, for  
10          example, let's say, that's probably not a  
11          good example, but if you get 50 a month and  
12          the home health agency needs 70, then they  
13          would need to get authorization for any of  
14          those limits beyond that of the fee  
15          schedule, and that's what we utilize in UM.

16                 From a claims payment perspective, I  
17                 also included the fee schedule on the  
18                 payment. And that would, of course, be we  
19                 would follow the fee schedule, but we would  
20                 also -- if there's any contractual  
21                 variances, that would be followed as well.  
22                 And I don't have the specifics on the  
23                 contracts, but we follow the fee schedule.

24                         But from UM, it's anything that's  
25                         over the limit would require authorization.

1 Other than that, no auth -- if there's no  
2 limits, no authorization's required for  
3 specific supplies related to home health.  
4 Does that help to answer your question?

5 MS. PURDON: That does.

6 MS. PAGE: Good.

7 MS. PURDON: It'd be really nice if  
8 all the rest of them would put that out.

9 MS. PAGE: Yeah, it's really -- from  
10 UM, it's pretty simple. If there is no  
11 limits on the fee schedule, the supplies  
12 don't require auth. It's the skilled  
13 nursing, of course, that requires auth after  
14 those parameters. But other than that, it's  
15 fairly simple.

16 MS. PURDON: Thank you.

17 MS. PAGE: You're welcome.

18 MR. REINHARDT: Were there any other  
19 updates from any of the other MCOs or from  
20 DMS?

21 MS. WASH: Evan, this is Barbara. I  
22 do see that we received several responses  
23 through email, and I'd be happy to share  
24 that with the committee in the follow-up  
25 notes.

1 (Mr. Reinhardt speaks while muted)

2 MS. WASH: Evan, you're muted.

3 MR. REINHARDT: Yep. We'll wait for  
4 the emails.

5 And then Annlyn, do we want to jump  
6 down to EPSTD --

7 MS. PURDON: Sure.

8 MR. REINHARDT: -- and see what folks  
9 have for that today?

10 MS. PURDON: Yep. I didn't know if,  
11 like, DMS wanted to present anything, or  
12 just wanted me to ask my questions.

13 MS. WASH: I actually had someone  
14 from DMS contact me today, and that was  
15 Justin. I don't know if Justin's on at this  
16 point.

17 MR. SHAW: Hey, Barbara.

18 MS. WASH: There he is.

19 MR. SHAW: Hey, Barbara. This is  
20 Justin Shaw with the Child and Maternal  
21 Health Branch in DMS. I think Barbara sent  
22 me over a question this morning. It was if  
23 the MCOs -- if there's going to be any  
24 changes to go along with that PT 45 billing  
25 change in January. Is that your question to

1 address? I just want to make sure.

2 MS. PURDON: So, yes --

3 MR. SHAW: Okay.

4 MS. PURDON: -- that's part of it.

5 MR. SHAW: Okay. So right now, there  
6 is no requirement for MCOs to change their  
7 billing practices beginning January 1st.  
8 It's just for fee-for-service at this time  
9 as long as you're still being paid your  
10 contracted rates with the MCOs for that  
11 EPSTD service.

12 We are -- we don't have a  
13 presentation for today. We do have a  
14 meeting on Monday morning, the 15th, to talk  
15 about the upcoming changes. I can put an  
16 email address in the chat if you would like  
17 to attend, if you know anybody who would  
18 like to attend, where we're going to discuss  
19 it a little more in depth and answer  
20 questions that may be there.

21 MS. PURDON: Okay. That would be  
22 great.

23 MR. SHAW: So I will put -- it's Ivy  
24 Sams is our EPTSD coordinator, and she will  
25 send you the meeting invite. So I just put

1           that in the chat for you. And anyone you  
2           think that might want to attend, feel free  
3           to forward that to. Or to give the email  
4           address.

5           MS. PURDON: And I'm sorry, when did  
6           you say that meeting was again?

7           MR. SHAW: It is Monday morning the  
8           15th at, I think, 11. Let me double check  
9           real quick. I'm sorry, 1 to 2 Eastern on  
10          Monday the 15th.

11          MS. PURDON: So that would be the  
12          place for me to ask my questions?

13          MR. SHAW: Probably, yeah.

14          MS. PURDON: Okay.

15          MR. SHAW: She'll be much more  
16          equipped to answer --

17          MS. PURDON: Okay.

18          MR. SHAW: -- answer those for you.

19          MS. PURDON: Thank you.

20          MR. SHAW: You're welcome.

21          MS. PURDON: And from any of the  
22          MCOs, does anybody there want to answer if  
23          they're going along with these changes, or  
24          if we continue billing EPSDT as we currently  
25          are? Well, billing and authing.

1 (No response)

2 MS. PURDON: Anybody from WellCare?

3 MR. DEARINGER: Hi, this is Justin  
4 Dearinger with the Department for Medicaid  
5 Services. I did want to say that this  
6 particular change only applies to therapy  
7 providers that are billing therapy services  
8 through EPSDT special services.

9 MS. PURDON: So --

10 MR. DEARINGER: It doesn't apply to  
11 any other EPSDT service. Only if you are a  
12 therapy provider billing therapy.

13 MS. PURDON: That would be us; right,  
14 Evan? Susan? Anybody else that does EPSDT?

15 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, I believe so.  
16 Yeah.

17 MS. PURDON: I think we're -- I think  
18 we're considered therapy special services.

19 MR. DEARINGER: Okay.

20 MS. PURDON: Yeah.

21 MR. DEARINGER: Yeah, and so like  
22 Justin said, on the 15th, we are going to  
23 have that meeting, and I believe each  
24 managed care organization is going to have a  
25 representative there to answer questions as

1 well.

2 MS. PURDON: Oh, okay.

3 MR. DEARINGER: So, yeah.

4 MS. PURDON: That'll be good.

5 MR. DEARINGER: And so -- and just a  
6 few real quick points. It does start  
7 January 1st; however, we're going to have a  
8 90-day grace period, so as providers kind of  
9 get adjusted. So it's not like January 1st  
10 is the end-all be-all date. We're going to  
11 have a 90-day grace period to get everybody  
12 kind of acquainted with the system, how to  
13 bill it.

14 If you currently bill through another  
15 provider type through fee-for-service, it's  
16 going to be billed the exact same way. The  
17 only difference is that there will be a  
18 modifier that you use for physical therapy,  
19 a modifier for occupational therapy, and a  
20 modifier for speech therapy. So those will  
21 be really the only difference from billing  
22 between, you know, your state plan and your  
23 EPSDT. You're still going to bill the same  
24 exact codes for the treatments that you're  
25 providing, the same amount of units per how

1 much time you're spending on each one of  
2 those treatments. So just like you would  
3 through your state plan provider type or  
4 service, but those modifiers are going to be  
5 what, you know, differentiate between EPSDT  
6 and regular state plan services. And then,  
7 of course, which provider type you're  
8 billing from.

9 Now later in 2026, we'll use another  
10 modifier that you can attach an EP modifier  
11 that will delineate, and you can bill  
12 whatever provider type you want and we'll be  
13 able to pick it up.

14 But that's really the main changes  
15 that, you know, we're going from for  
16 fee-for-service allowing 3S codes to be  
17 billed for therapy services to billing  
18 exactly the same way you do for any other  
19 provider type for therapy services. So  
20 you're going to use the appropriate 9 codes,  
21 the appropriate, you know, time that you  
22 spent or units for each code. It allows us  
23 to comply with CMS requirements, but it also  
24 allows us to be able to get a complete and  
25 comprehensive picture of what services each

1           one of our members are receiving, how much  
2           time they're getting with those services, to  
3           help us better care and manage their  
4           healthcare needs overall.

5                     MS. PURDON: Thank you.

6                     MR. DEARINGER: You're welcome.

7                     MS. PURDON: Unless anybody else has  
8           any questions EPSDT.

9                     ASHLEY: Hi, this is Ashley with  
10          Aetna Better Health. I do have a quick  
11          question. Does this apply or is there any  
12          difference when it's therapy provided in the  
13          home versus outpatient?

14                    MS. PURDON: Actually, I just had a  
15          look at my -- because I don't have all my  
16          provider numbers memorized, and my EPSDT  
17          provider number is a 45, so -- and we  
18          provide it in the home.

19                    ASHLEY: Okay. So the same -- I  
20          mean, technically the same rules will apply  
21          beginning January 1st.

22                    MS. PURDON: Okay, thank you.

23                    ASHLEY: That's a -- I mean, that's a  
24          question.

25                    MS. PURDON: Oh, that's a question?

1 Oh, okay.

2 ASHLEY: I just want to make sure,  
3 you know, that we're processing those  
4 correctly.

5 MR. DEARINGER: Yeah, so in-home and  
6 in-office will be, again, the same as if  
7 they're billing through their, you know,  
8 state plan provider services. So it doesn't  
9 differentiate between in-home or  
10 out-of-home. They would have the place of  
11 service code still listed on there just like  
12 they were billing through, say, like a  
13 provider type 76.

14 ASHLEY: Okay. Okay.

15 MS. REYNOLDS: Could you review the  
16 dates of that meeting again, please?

17 MR. DEARINGER: December 15th is our  
18 next EPSDT therapy billing change meeting.  
19 It's December 15th at -- let me look, I'll  
20 tell you specifically -- 1 o'clock p.m. on  
21 December -- Monday, December 15th. So this  
22 coming Monday at 1 o'clock, and if you don't  
23 have an invite to that meeting, then feel  
24 free to reach out to Ivy Sams. She can get  
25 you added to that, and her email's in the

1 chat.

2 MS. PURDON: And Evan, do you think  
3 -- could you send that email out to --  
4 through the email association email?

5 MR. REINHARDT: Yep. I sent a  
6 request to Ivy to add us.

7 MS. PURDON: Oh.

8 MR. REINHARDT: And I'll get the  
9 information and send it to everybody. Yep.

10 MS. PURDON: Awesome.

11 MS. WASH: And this is Barbara. And  
12 I'll make sure that they're in the follow-up  
13 notes.

14 MS. PURDON: Thank you.

15 MR. REINHARDT: Thank you.

16 MR. SHAW: Mm-hmm.

17 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you.

18 MS. PURDON: All right. There's  
19 nothing else on EPSDT.

20 Our next one, I don't know, I don't  
21 think this one was mine; was it, Evan?

22 MR. REINHARDT: No.

23 MS. PURDON: Okay.

24 MR. REINHARDT: It's something we  
25 talked about in the past --

1 MS. PURDON: Okay.

2 MR. REINHARDT: -- and I think the  
3 fee schedule was due to be updated, so we  
4 hadn't seen anything on that, and  
5 specifically, you know, we needed the  
6 additional sizes for the adult  
7 undergarments. You know, extra-large to be  
8 added to the fee schedule, so we were just  
9 going to see where we are with an update on  
10 that.

11 MS. PURDON: Oh, I think -- was that  
12 -- that was probably mine in the past. The  
13 code for --

14 MR. REINHARDT: Yep.

15 MS. PURDON: -- anything above  
16 extra-large, and I believe it was for  
17 pull-ups.

18 MR. REINHARDT: Yep.

19 MS. PURDON: They had one for the  
20 actual diaper, but not the pull-up.

21 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, you had brought  
22 it up in the past --

23 MS. PURDON: Yeah.

24 MR. REINHARDT: -- but we actually  
25 had it get brought up again, so we

1           definitely want to follow up on that, if we  
2           could.

3                   MR. DEARINGER:  Is Kelly Kitchen --  
4           are -- is she on the call?  I don't know if  
5           she's on here or not.

6                   MS. WASH:  I did not see her --

7                   MR. DEARINGER:  Okay.

8                   MS. WASH:  -- come on, Justin.  But  
9           --

10                   MR. DEARINGER:  Well, Kelly Kitchen  
11           is our branch manager for the Physical  
12           Health Branch, and she kind of oversees our  
13           fee schedules.  I know that this is  
14           something that she has been working on, and  
15           she had something kind of put up there for  
16           today.  But we're still working on that fee  
17           schedule, so as soon as that comes out, but  
18           we'll kind of address that on there, but  
19           we'll get something back to you all through  
20           email before that, because sometimes our fee  
21           schedules take a little bit longer because  
22           all the approvals they have to go through.

23                   MS. PURDON:  Thank you.

24                   Anything else, Evan, or are we ready  
25           to move on to general discussion?

1 MR. REINHARDT: That's it. That's it  
2 for now.

3 MS. PURDON: Okay. And was this data  
4 report a specific request? Oh --

5 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, I think -- I  
6 think that's one maybe from last time we  
7 were talking about to present the data on.  
8 I don't remember that this was something we  
9 brought up in between the two meetings off  
10 the top of my head.

11 MS. WASH: This was actually not --  
12 this is Barbara from DMS again. This was  
13 actually in a note to put onto your agenda  
14 that there was a data report from DMS  
15 denials. The data request, you are to  
16 request it at this meeting, and hopefully  
17 we'll have it all together for February of  
18 2026 meeting.

19 MR. REINHARDT: Do we need to do  
20 anything to formalize the request, Barbara,  
21 or are we -- we're good to go for that?

22 MS. WASH: I don't believe so, but I  
23 have to do a double check. Oh, Justin's on.  
24 Go ahead.

25 MR. DEARINGER: No.

1 MS. WASH: No.

2 MR. DEARINGER: No, we're good.

3 We'll get it taken care of for you.

4 MR. REINHARDT: Okay.

5 MS. WASH: Yes.

6 MS. PURDON: Thank you.

7 MR. REINHARDT: Appreciate that.

8 MS. WASH: Yeah, thank you.

9 MS. PURDON: And with that, I don't  
10 believe we have any recommendations. Nope.

11 MR. REINHARDT: None for today.

12 MS. PURDON: And Susan is still our  
13 MAC meeting representative. I'm assuming --

14 MR. REINHARDT: Yep.

15 MS. PURDON: -- she's still attending  
16 those meetings. I don't know if she's still  
17 on or not.

18 MS. STEWART: I am. I'm right here.

19 MS. PURDON: Oh, there she is. She's  
20 still driving.

21 MS. STEWART: I'm right here. I'm  
22 still driving. You get to see the beautiful  
23 East Kentucky.

24 MS. PURDON: There you go.

25 All right, and our next meeting,

1 February 9th, 2026, if you can believe it.

2 MR. REINHARDT: Yep.

3 MS. PURDON: So if there's nothing  
4 else for us to review, I'll take a motion to  
5 adjourn.

6 MR. REINHARDT: So moved.

7 MS. STEWART: Second.

8 MS. PURDON: Nobody objects?

9 (No response)

10 MS. PURDON: We're adjourned.

11 MR. REINHARDT: All right.

12 MS. PURDON: Thank you everybody.

13 MR. REINHARDT: Thanks everybody.

14 (Meeting adjourns at 11:18 a.m.)

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