

Nursing Services Technical Advisory Committee

Cabinet for Health & Family Services

April 14, 2022

Call to order

Approval of February 3, 2022 minutes

Old Business:

- Follow up on distribution of MCO COVID Vaccine incentives (revised edition)
- Follow up on presentation for the MAC / Dee Polito –
- 1. The MAC had no opposition to our recommendation that APRNs be reimbursed by Medicaid at 100% of the physician fee schedule.
- 2. The MAC requests more information about CPMs to make a more informed decision about their reimbursement by Medicaid. They had questions; “do CPMs work with Doulas? What is a Doula?”. I will give a presentation at the next MAC in May regarding CPMs and answer additional questions.
  - o Ky. has no freestanding birth centers. HB 268 (Mary Carol Akers Birth Center Act) has been filed by Jason Nemes which would exempt birth centers from requiring a Certificate of Need. [House Bill 268](#) - Update: The bill did not move into committee for hearing this legislative session. Will most likely be filed again at the next legislative session.
  - o [907 KAR 1:190](#) establishes DMSs reimbursement provisions for freestanding birth centers (\$1,557 per delivery) – This is just for information purposes only. The Kentucky regulations have already established Medicaid reimbursement for birth centers.
  - o Questions regarding research on CNM and clinics -
- Upcoming legislative session agenda topics

New Business:

- o Dee Polito : Lisa Lockhart / Conversation Q&A with Dr. B Welch regarding KNA support of legislation for CPM and birthing centers Dr. Welch from KNA requested information about freestanding birth centers and if they were staffed by CNMs or CPMs. Ky has none. Other states that have birth centers have a variety of staffing models. Some CNMs, combo MDs, CNMs, CPMs, each state is individual. The Ky Affiliate of ACNM made formal request to KNA for their support of HB 268 but had no response. Last email communication from Dr Welch was 3/1/22.
- [907 KAR 1:104 Reimbursement for APRNs](#) The MAC voted in favor of the Nursing TAC recommendation for 100% physician fee schedule reimbursement for APRNs.
- What agenda items are of interest to the group
- Input from Medicaid affiliates. What would you recommend as areas of concern, dialogue