

TAC Meeting

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2008

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

MEDICAID CONFERENCE RM 4102

MEETING CALLED BY	Therapy Advisory Council
TYPE OF MEETING	TAC
FACILITATOR	Marilyn Strickland, DHS/Medicaid
NOTETAKER	Krishelle Wells, QSource of Arkansas
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	Ruth Castleberry, Linda Rogers, Cheri Stevenson, Debbie Ashworth (phone), Cheryl Freeman, Shelly Weir, Tony Boaz, Nena Sanchez, Rosemary Edgin, Marilyn Strickland, Krishelle Wells, Nancy Archer

Agenda topics

10 MINUTES WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUES CHERYL FREEMAN

DISCUSSION Minutes weren't received by all TAC members.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send "test" e-mail to Shelly Weir	Krishelle Wells	08/12/2008 Completed
Send last meeting's minutes to Rosemary and Cheryl	Krishelle Wells	08/12/2008 Completed

10 MINUTES REVISE DMS-640 FORM CHERYL FREEMAN

DISCUSSION New DMS-640 Form will be available for use in October 2008. The only changes are updates in the rate section.

CONCLUSIONS The DMS-640 form revised 07/07 will still be accepted for a brief transition period. If the old form is sent to a PCP prior to October and it is not signed/returned until after that date; it will still be accepted by Medicaid/QSource.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

10 MINUTES			DISCUSS ISSUE OF GLOBAL TESTS			CHERYL FREEMAN		
DISCUSSION			Global tests issue deals with a Speech Therapy hearing where the beneficiary received an 88% on one test and a 70% on an expressive test. The speech therapy was denied. The argument was the child needed the therapy due to the score of 70%. The TAC agreed with the decision to deny the therapy. There should have been a third test. One that is specific to show the deficit – group agreed that the 70% should have been followed up on.					
OCC requested clarification to that section in the provider manual (214 410 D), and asked for it to be made more specific by adding an “or” and stating further testing must be completed to document the deficit.								
ACTION ITEMS			PERSON RESPONSIBLE			DEADLINE		
Each member needs to read the section and rewrite the statement. All suggestions need to be sent to Cheryl.			All TAC members			09/24/2008		
The compiled list will be taken to OCC for approval.			Rosemary Edgin					
45 MINUTES			DISCUSS TEST ADDITION REQUEST			CHERYL FREEMAN		
DISCUSSION			Effective 09/01/2008 Provider Manual will reflect the promulgated tests.					
Shelly Weir created an electronic version of the “Request for Consideration of Inclusion of New Tests in Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy Medicaid Manual” form.								
Shelly presented: there is a request to make the S/L test list larger, unfortunately, some really good S/L tests aren't in the MMY, and there aren't any other beneficial rating measures. Also, there is still some confusion in the definition of functional profile found in the Provider Manual section 214.410 as well as the mention of standardized forms. To the therapist knowledge they aren't aware of a standardized form.								
The argument was made that by giving the therapist a large S/L list to choose from will help therapist stay up to date with current tests and gives them the freedom from limitation, plus, they don't have to submit extra documentation.								
Also, there have been instances when dealing with a difficult child, a test from the list won't work, so a test was used that wasn't on the list – documentation was submitted, but the therapy was still denied. What else could have been done?								
CONCLUSIONS			The process for approving any new tests added to the list must show validity, and show a difference from tests currently on the list. Plus, any added tests must include their qualifying scores.					
If the “here is what you do if you want to use a test that is not found on the current S/L list” is unclear, Marilyn said this section can be updated so that the instructions will be clear.								
ACTION ITEMS			PERSON RESPONSIBLE			DEADLINE		
1. Scan in and email Cheryl's test request to the group.			QSource of Arkansas			08/19/2008 Completed		
2. Shelly will email e-template to group and her tests requests.			Shelly Weir					
3. Marilyn recommended taking out the phrase “standardized form” from the provider manual Section 214.410 D. #9, and the TAC group was in agreement to remove the statement.			Cheryl Freeman – sent to PPD			08/15/2008 Completed		
4. TAC will draft a statement describing required documentation if use of an approved test isn't conducted, and yet therapy is still felt to be medically necessary.			TAC					
15 MINUTES			OVERVIEW OF QUARTERLY THERAPY MAILING					
DISCUSSION			Nancy Archer gave a brief overview of the therapy mailing. During the selection process March was programmed in as the paid claims beginning date, and it should have been April. This left QSource of					

