

JGAC Meeting for APTA Home Health & APTA Geriatrics

September 11, 2025 • 67 mins • [View Meeting](#) or [Ask Fathom](#)

ACTION ITEMS ✦

- ☐ **Record video for upcoming action alert. Mention to watch for APTA email w/ action center link.**
Philip Goldsmith
- ☐ **Write article on SAFE Act w/ real-life scenarios. Check Google Drive for Kevin's previous article to avoid redundancy.**
Jamie Kuettel
- ☐ **Co-lead telehealth & digital care policy task force w/ Kevin. Await further instructions from Eva.**
Steve Osovsky
- ☐ **Co-lead telehealth & digital care policy task force w/ Steve. Await further instructions from Eva.**
Kevin Cezat
- ☐ **1) Email 2 interested members re: telehealth task force. 2) Meet w/ Faith Majors Culp next week re: social media help. 4) Inform Christina about Faith posting on APTA Geriatrics social media.**
Eva Norman

MEETING SUMMARY ✦

Meeting Purpose

To provide updates and discuss initiatives for the APTA Home Health and Geriatrics Government Affairs Committee.

Key Takeaways

- Congress faces a potential government shutdown on September 30th; telehealth waivers also expire then
- Home Health Stabilization Act (H.R. 5142) introduced to prevent cuts in 2026-2027
- New task force on telehealth and digital care policy to be formed
- Successful advocacy meetings held during August recess with congressional offices
- Website updates progressing for both Home Health and Geriatrics sections

Topics

Congressional Update

- [Government funding expires September 30th; short-term extension likely](#)
- [Telehealth waivers also expire Sept 30th; expected to be extended in funding package](#)
- [SAFE Act gaining momentum in Senate; Falls Prevention Awareness Week Sept 22-26](#)
- [Home Health Stabilization Act \(H.R. 5142\) introduced; prevents 2026-2027 cuts](#)
- [APTA creating action alert for members to support H.R. 5142](#)

Student Loan Policy

- [Dept of Education determining professional vs. graduate degree categories](#)
- [\\$200k lifetime loan limit for professional degrees vs \\$100k for graduate](#)
- [APTA advocating for PT to remain in professional category](#)

Regulatory Updates

- [Comment period closed for 2026 home health proposed rule](#)
- [Fee schedule comments due tomorrow; APTA submitted extensive comments](#)
- [950,000 comments received on home health rule \(unconfirmed number\)](#)

Task Force Formation

- [New task force on telehealth and digital care policy to be formed](#)
- [Kevin and Steve to co-lead; additional members to be recruited](#)

Advocacy Activities

- [Successful meetings held with congressional offices during August recess](#)
- [Silke met with Sen. Gallego's health aide in Arizona](#)
- [Beth attended fundraiser for Rep. Stansberry, a SAFE Act sponsor](#)
- [Eva met with Rep. Frankel's COS in hospital while visiting her mother](#)

Communications

- [Faith Majors Culp to assist with APTA Geriatrics social media](#)
- [Stacey Fisher continuing social media for Home Health section](#)
- [Need to designate liaison to provide content to social media managers](#)

Website Updates

- [Home Health website largely complete; member feedback requested](#)
- [Working with Alex on APTA Geriatrics website updates](#)

Next Steps

- [Launch telehealth/digital care policy task force; recruit additional members](#)
- [Support student-led Flash Action Strategy advocacy on SAFE Act \(Sept 16-18\)](#)
- [Create action alert for members to support Home Health Stabilization Act](#)
- [Follow up with potential key contact recruits, especially in unrepresented districts](#)
- [Continue website updates, especially for APTA Geriatrics section](#)
- [Develop article ideas on key contact recruitment and other priority topics](#)