

APTA Home Health & APTA Geriatrics JGAC Meeting

October 09, 2025 • 52 mins • [View Meeting](#) or [Ask Fathom](#)

Action Items ✨

- ☐ [Write article on telehealth digital policy committee for newsletter due Oct 30](#)

Steve Osovsky/Kevin Cezat

- ☐ [Write 100-150 word article on OASIS guidance re nursing precedence for start of care for Home Health Newsletter due Thu/Fri](#)

Drew (2)

- ☐ [Collab w/ Steve on telehealth/digital care policy task force charter; build out objectives/details](#)

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Steve Osovsky

- ☐ [Email Amy re: joining payment reform & value-based care task force](#)

Eva Norman

Meeting Summary ✨

Meeting Purpose

APTA Home Health Government Affairs Committee meeting to discuss advocacy efforts, policy updates, and committee initiatives.

Key Takeaways

- [Government shutdown impacting telehealth reimbursement; extension expected when funding bill passes](#)
- [New task forces launching on telehealth/digital care policy and payment reform/value-based care](#)
- [Website and social media updates in progress to improve member engagement and advocacy](#)
- [Key contact recruitment underway to fill gaps in congressional district coverage](#)

Topics

Government Affairs Update

- [Government shutdown since Oct 1 due to lack of funding bill](#)
- [Telehealth reimbursement under Medicare currently on hold](#)
- [H.R. 5621 \(PT Workforce and Patient Access Act\) introduced just before shutdown](#)
- [Behind-the-scenes work on Medicare fee schedule reform continuing](#)

- [Home health payment bill targeting year-end package for potential passage](#)

Education and Communication

- [Volunteers secured for upcoming newsletter articles on OASIS guidance and telehealth/digital policy](#)
- [New Thinkific platform being set up for member engagement; Steve volunteered to help oversee](#)
- [Website updates proposed to make payment/policy info more prominent on APTA Geriatrics site](#)
- [Social media efforts ramping up with dedicated volunteers to increase engagement](#)

Task Forces

- [Telehealth and Digital Care Policy task force launching with Kevin and Steve leading](#)
- [Payment Reform and Value-Based Care task force being developed by Amy](#)
- [Seeking additional volunteers and member participation for both groups](#)

Advocacy Initiatives

- [Targeting recruitment of key contacts for House committees lacking coverage](#)
- [Planning to develop ongoing support/communication structure for key contacts](#)
- [Recent home health rule comment period generated over 950,000 total comments](#)

Next Steps

- [Drew to draft newsletter article on OASIS guidance by next Thursday](#)
- [Kevin/Steve to develop charter and schedule initial meeting for telehealth task force](#)
- [Amy to create intro email/charter for payment reform task force](#)

- [Eva to connect Silke & Denise with Amy re: payment reform task force interest](#)
- [Committee to share social media handles for tagging/engagement](#)
- [Ellen to provide exact advocacy comment numbers to Silke for staff education](#)

Respectfully Submitted by Eva Norman, PT, DPT & AI