

JGAC Meeeting

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Action Items

- [Convert calendar of newsletter due dates to Google Doc for committee access/signup](#)

Ellen Strunk

- [Review Kevin's LinkedIn post draft for potential adaptation to newsletter/Thinkific](#)

Ellen Strunk

- [Draft article on SAFE Act for Sept Home Health Quarterly newsletter. Due Sept 10.](#)

Kevin Cezat

- [Meet w/ Stacey Fisher to discuss social media collab for sharing committee articles/podcasts](#)

Eva Norman

- [Contact Faith re: potential geriatrics social media role, similar to Stacey's for Home Health](#)

Eva Norman

- [Communicate w/ Alex \(Geriatrics\) re: replicating Home Health web pages for Geriatrics section](#)

Eva Norman

Meeting Summary

Meeting Purpose

Review advocacy efforts and plan member education initiatives for APTA Home Health and Geriatrics sections

Key Takeaways

- Congressional recess provides opportunity for in-district meetings; members encouraged to follow up on SAFE Act
- Committee planning multi-pronged education approach via newsletters, podcasts, social media, and potentially ThinkIFIC platform
- Website updates nearly complete for Home Health; working to replicate for Geriatrics section
- Key contact system still being finalized; all committee members confirmed as key contacts

Topics

Legislative/Regulatory Updates

- APTA PT Day on Capitol Hill successful with 500 participants
- Government funding and telehealth flexibilities expire Sept 30; likely short-term extension to December
- Senator Cassidy exploring potential healthcare bill; APTA meeting to discuss
- SAFE Act unexpectedly introduced in Senate by Sen. Justice (R-WV); working to add original co-sponsors
- Medicare opt-out bill introduced in House; saves \$140M
- External group UPTA suing HHS over opt-out law; APTA focusing on legislative fix

Home Health Proposed Rule Comments

- Template letter focuses on payment cuts, initiation of care, and function measures
- Deadline in 2 weeks; members encouraged to submit personalized comments
- Social media push planned to drive comment submissions

Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

- Increase to conversion factor offset by RVU changes
- APTA comments to focus on PT role in prevention/chronic care, quality measures for non-physicians
- Telehealth codes likely to gain permanent status

Member Education Initiatives

- Planning regular newsletter content for Home Health and Geriatrics sections
- Quarterly Home Health newsletter provides opportunity for longer articles
- Exploring use of ThinkIFIC platform for member discussions
- Leveraging social media to promote content and advocacy efforts
- Considering student involvement in social media efforts

Advocacy Follow-Up

- Members encouraged to schedule in-district meetings during recess
- Consistent outreach (e.g. weekly emails) recommended to maintain engagement
- Sharing advocacy experiences can help inspire other members to get involved

Next Steps

- Volunteers needed for upcoming newsletter articles and podcast topics
- Follow up on in-district meetings and share outcomes for potential articles/social media

- Finalize website updates and work on replicating for Geriatrics section
- Continue promoting comment submissions on Home Health proposed rule
- Explore expanded use of Patient Action Center with non-members and patients

Minutes taken from AI – Eva Norman, PT, DPT