

JGAC Meeting

August 14, 2025 • 59 mins • [View Meeting](#) or [Ask Fathom](#)

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 ThinkI FIC 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](#)

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