

Date: August 29, 2013

Subject: Medicaid Home Health Stakeholder Updates

Good afternoon Home Health Stakeholders,

This letter will **provide an update on PAT-related activities for the September-October timeframe.**

- **Feedback on the revised PAT**, which was presented at this week's stakeholder meeting, will be received through Wednesday, September 4th. Feedback should be emailed to Kimberley Smith at Kimberley.Smith@state.co.us. Areas where the Department seeks feedback include:
 - Is the tool understandable?
 - Has any major areas been missed?
- The **September monthly stakeholder meeting will be postponed** until the **week of October 2nd** so that the scoring system for the PAT is complete and tested. Because our usual location is not available, we'll be securing an alternate location and forwarding updated date/time/location information. This meeting will be a presentation of the scoring system ("algorithm") developed and validated through testing for the new Pediatric Assessment Tool.
- **PAT Implementation Timeline:** Due to the workgroup's adoption of algorithm-like formula for scoring points, additional time is required for testing and validation. This pushes the PAT implementation timeline out, and an updated timeline is provided below.
- **PAR Extensions:** To allow time for testing and statistical validation of the new PAT, PARs due to expire in October [as well as those due to expire in August and September] will be extended one more month.

In the meantime, please visit our HCPF [Home Health webpage](#), where you will find archived Stakeholder Updates, PAT resources and more.

Targeted Timeline for Implementation of Revised PAT

September 9th - 13th: Testing of revised PAT by home health agencies

Week of October 2nd: Home Health monthly stakeholder meeting: Presentation of tested/validated revised PAT scoring system (points)

October 2nd- 7th: Stakeholder feedback on scoring/point system

Weeks of October 14th - 21st: Training webinars for home health agencies on revised PAT

Agencies should use the new PAT once they have completed training. Until the new PAT is ready in Care Web QI, agencies will need to complete the PAT assessment on a paper copy and upload it in CareWebQI along with the client's plan of care and other supporting documents.