MSHA

Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Mid Year Report

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Position: ASHA Co STARs

Accomplishments: 1. Participated in monthly STAR calls with STAR Representatives from across the nation.

2. We have been proactive in researching and answering concerns of members as they strive to provide therapy services to established patients through telehealth services.

3. We have assisted providers by contacting the Division of Medicaid as well as MSCAN companies, as appropriate, regarding provider's issues of concern regarding services to enrollees, prior authorizations, and reimbursement issues.

Goals:

1. To be advocates for Telehealth services to be permanently covered by the DOM for Speech/Language Pathologists and Audiologists after the end of the end of the emergency declaration.

2. To stay up to date on any changes, new regulations, etc. in order to keep speech/language therapists and audiologists informed on any issues that could affect the provisions of speech/language and audiology services.

3. We will continue to either join the CMS stakeholders engagement sessions live or listen to recordings to stay updated of any information that would be beneficial to us professionally.

Plans:

1. Weekly planning session by the Co-STARs.

2. Weekly updates to Private Practice Healthcare Committee members regarding ASHA, and State and Federal legislative updates.

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