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# **KHF PA Meeting**

**IPA-GA network September 18, 2025- Virtual**



## Agenda Items:

- Practice Liaison Updates (Donna)
- Practice Business Support Updates (Barbara)
- Provider Relations Updates (Patsy)
- Quality Updates (Liz and Laura)
- Q&A

# Practice Management Updates

# Coming Events

Donna

- Register Now: October PA Meeting, **IN PERSON, Thursday, October 30th**, 10am-12:30pm. Brian Tuttle, HIPAA Compliance Consultant addressing the Security Risk Assessment (This is NOT the assessment you just completed)
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12 noon Coding Consultant webinar (PA's, billers)
- Tentative: November 20th evening- KHF annual Meeting
- Tuesday December 2, 6:30pm-8pm. Webinar with Dr. Richard Lander re E&M Coding, specifically 99213-99215. (MD's, APP's, PA's)

# HHS Website letter

- HHS letter regarding terminating patients for vaccine refusal for religious beliefs (on the HHS website, link sent to PA's 9/18/25)
- Has been sent to Curi for a malpractice/risk position and is now with their outside counsel
- Current advice is do not at this time discharge patients for vaccine refusal for religious reasons

# CDC/AAP Vaccine Schedules

- Sterling Seacrest Pritchard created, Davis reviewing
- HHS vs AAP Vaccine Guidance
- Comparison of Recommended Vaccines
- Sample Practice Language
- PENDING changes from the ACIP Meetings

# Covid-19

- ACIP Meeting 9/18-9/19/25
- AAP had a recommendations page that will be updated with new information
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Information from Moderna about their return program

# Covid-19 Payor Impact

Payors have not announced/published notices on policy changes associated with COVID vaccines.

- COVID CPT's are included on their fee schedules.

KHF will continue to monitor for updates.

# Pfizer Covid vaccine

- Pfizer lost the EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) for the 6mo-4 year formulation
- They do offer 5-12 yrs and 12+ years vaccine
- Recommendations may change after the ACIP meeting

# Moderna Availability

- Due to the lack of availability of Pfizer ped doses, Moderna agreed to manufacture 1.8 million more of our 6mo – 11yo pediatric presentations to supply the market. All Moderna Direct reservations below 170 doses were shipped. Any reservations over 170 got half the order now and the other half is shipping beginning today.
- Any pediatric orders placed since reservations closed, the same applies. Those are being processed and shipped First-in First-out order. We hope to be in an “order-now/ship-now” with no quantity limitations on orders in October. Wholesalers have doses now, but Moderna can’t control when they send them to physicians’ accounts.
- Will send Moderna return policy in RoundUp with meeting slides

# RSV Updates

- RSV Toolkit
- Enflonsia approved 8/4/25
- Reminder that claims generally only covered 10/1/25-3/31/26
- AAP FAQ updated 9/4/25
- [RSV Immunization Frequently Asked Questions](#)

# Enflonsia Payor Updates

Payors contacted for status on new Enflonsia codes.

- Aetna: Waiting on Medical Policy Departments determination.
- Cigna: Included in 8/1/2025 injectibles fee schedule.
- UHC: Notification will be included in future routine updates.
- Anthem: Pending policy confirmation and fee schedule.
- CMO's: Dependant upon DCH.

KHF will continue to monitor for updates.

# Practice Representation (for example Cigna)

- TCCN has engaged Capitol Strategy Group to serve on our behalf.
- In the last month, TCCN has met with representatives from DOI (Department of Insurance) and DCH (Department of Community Health) in order to further initiatives critical to TCCN and Pediatric Health in Georgia.
- The group will also facilitate communications with Payer Government Relations representatives and elected officials in state and Federal government.

# Waiting On...

- TCCN Membership and Participation Agreement
- Practice Advocacy Brief Surveys (sent 8/20)
  - Practice Survey
  - Individual Physician Survey
  - Information in the TCCN RoundUp

# HIPAA NPP- Reproductive

- On June 18, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas issued an order declaring unlawful and vacating most of the HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy at 89 Federal Register 32976 (April 26, 2024).
- The courts decision in Purl vs United States Department of Health and Human Services, which applies nationwide, essentially eliminates the enhanced federal privacy protection for enhanced reproductive healthcare information.
- The original HIPAA Privacy Rule and it's protections still stands.
- Many states have their own privacy and consumer protection laws that may impose additional obligations when handling reproductive health care information.
- HHS will determine next steps after a thorough review of the court's decision.

# Misc.

- Employee Handbook
- Contact Management- please keep current for the 2 KHF newsletters- good job with setup!
- Supporting one another
- CPR resource- for your staff and for a "friends and family" program

# Practice Business Support

# Practice Business Support – TCCN & KHF

Barbara

**CPR Program**

TCCN Professional  
Liability Program  
(Risk Management)

**KHF Malpractice  
Program  
(Risk  
Management)**

TCCN Health  
Insurance Program

**KHF Sanofi  
(Vaccine & Flu)**

**KHF Merck**

**TCCN GSK  
(Vaccine & Flu)**

**TCCN Pfizer  
(Pevnar, COVID,  
Trumenba)**

**TCCN  
AstraZeneca  
(FluMist)**

**TCCN Seqirus  
(Flu)**

TCCN Merchant  
Services

TCCN CHADIS  
Purchasing Program

TCCN McKesson  
Medical Supplies

**TCCN Anytime  
Pediatrics**

**KHF Coding  
Seminar (Annually-  
November)**

**KHF OSHA  
Training (Annually-  
April)**

**KHF NP Protocol**

**KHF MOC  
Programs**

**Moderna  
New – KHF & TCCN**

# New Cyber tool for staff training

- Video from Sterling Seacrest Pritchard on "Stop Phishing Attacks Before They Start"

# Fall Timeline

- August/September: Respiratory Season Guidance
  - Flu, RSV, COVID
  - Flu Shipping Now
  - RSV in next month or so

For RSV – please be aware that if you give immunization outside of window (Oct-Mar) you RISK not getting reimbursed.

- Late September: Malpractice Renewal
- End of October: Health Insurance Renewal
- Mid-November: Health Insurance Open Enrollment

# Risk Management – Coming Attractions!

Barbara

- October 9, 2025 (tentative)
  - *Risk Assessment Trends and Deep Dive*

Thank you for completing the Malpractice Risk Assessments!!

# Malpractice Notifications

If you encounter a situation that could reasonably lead to a malpractice claim, lawsuit, or board complaint, **contact Brent immediately.**

## Examples of reportable situations include:

- Unexpected patient outcome that raises concern for you and/or the parents.
- Parents make legal threats or demand reimbursement (verbally, in writing, or through the portal).
- Parents express dissatisfaction and transfer care to another provider.
- Negative comments posted on social media about care or the practice.
- Parents incur additional medical expenses tied to your provider's care (e.g., ER visit after an appointment).
- A serious or catastrophic medical event occurs following a visit.
- Receipt of a medical records request from an attorney.

## Important:

- Do **not** decide based on whether you believe care was appropriate.
- The key question is: *Could parents or their attorney pursue this further?*
- Always err on the side of caution and report.

## Why reporting matters:

- Protects coverage by creating a claim "placeholder."
- Allows the carrier to step in early, if resolution is possible.

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# NP – Composite Board Update

- Effective **July 7, 2025**, GCMB has migrated all licensing and application services to the **ThoughtSpan Licensing Gateway**. This modern platform replaces our legacy systems and offers a faster, more secure, and user-friendly experience.
- **Gateway link:** <https://gateway.medicalboard.georgia.gov/>
- **Mandatory registration:** All users—regardless of any prior portal accounts—**must** create a *new* ThoughtSpan profile. The system will automatically match your existing licenses and pending applications using your demographic details. If you experience issues with this or any other issues, please submit a ticket at <https://gcmb.nextrequest.com/> and select the department “**ThoughtSpan Licensing Gateway Issues.**”

# TCCN Health Insurance Program Review

- **Concern:** Over the last 5 years, program expenses have exceeded premiums collected, resulting in an **MLR over 100%**.
- **Board Directive:** Recognizing the program's critical importance to member practices, Board directed the Broker & program staff to assess its viability, trends, and long-term sustainability.
- **Review Process:** Analysis was thoroughly evaluated and vetted by the Network Management Committee, with support and guidance from the Broker and program staff.
- **Next:** Review issues identified, and Committee's recommendations presented on the next slides.

# Program Changes Recommended by Committee

Barbara

1. Minimum contribution level increased to 70% from current 50% minimum. *(Rollout to practices should emphasize the associated tax benefits to the practice.)*
2. Enforce 60% minimum participation level requirement (minus valid waivers).
  - Practices hitting a minimum threshold of between 50-60% will be evaluated by Broker/OneDigital and TCCN.
3. Mandatory assignment of a designated Benefits Champion for participating practices.
  - Champion will work directly with the broker to ensure all of the information is disseminated and assure enrollment process and requirements are met.
  - Practice administrators and the Benefits Champion must attend either the live webinar or watch the recording and attest to having seen and understood the enrollment process they must follow.
  - Mandate participation of every employee in the enrollment process, regardless of intent to participate or not: Employees declining participation to enroll online must sign a waiver form.
4. Practices must offer all required supplemental benefits options to their employees (specifically worksite benefits).

# Provider Relations Update

# Credentialing Committee 2025 Schedule

- Submit all required initial credentialing documents by the desired months deadline.
- If documents are missing or incomplete, providers will be delayed to the next meeting.
- Recredentialing must be completed by a specific date, or providers will be non-compliant.
  - Kathryn sends recredentialing notifications to practice 2-3 months early to ensure there are no compliance concerns.
  - If you receive an email from [Credentialing@khfirst.com](mailto:Credentialing@khfirst.com), please respond ASAP!

Month	Last Day to Submit Documents	Credentialing Meeting Date
October	10/7/2025	10/14/2025
November	11/4/2025	11/11/2025
December	12/2/2025	12/9/2025

# Credentialing Committee 2026 Schedule

Month	Last Day to Submit Documents	Credentialing Meeting Date
January	1/6/2026	1/13/2026
February	2/3/2026	2/10/2026
March	3/3/2026	3/10/2026
April	4/7/2026	4/14/2026
May	5/5/2026	5/12/2026
June	6/2/2026	6/9/2026
July	7/7/2026	7/14/2026
August	8/4/2026	8/11/2026
September	9/1/2026	9/8/2026
October	10/6/2026	10/13/2026
November	11/3/2026	11/10/2026
December	12/1/2026	12/8/2026

# Recruiting for Credentialing Committee

Credentialing Committee comprised of physicians.

- Seeking 2-3 new members before the end of 2025.

Time commitment:

- One training session – approx. 30 mins
- 15 to 30 minutes (monthly)
  - Includes email review of profiles and brief call to discuss/vote.

Physician Engagement:

- This is a great opportunity for a physician to become involved in KHF!

# Claim Issues?

Send to [payorconcerns@khfirst.com](mailto:payorconcerns@khfirst.com)

- All supporting documentation
- EOB's/remittance
- ID cards

# Quality/Utilization Management

Liz Hogan,  
Laura Baldwin

# Well Child and Immunization MOC

## Part 4 - 25 points



### Key Learning Objectives

- **Well-Child Visit Rates:** Implementing strategies to ensure timely and regular preventive care visits.
- **Immunization Rates:** Developing and applying interventions to increase vaccination coverage among pediatric patients.
- **Vaccine Coding and Identification of Data Capture Issues:** Ensuring accurate documentation, coding of vaccinations, and identifying gaps or errors in data capture to improve immunization tracking and reporting.
- **Training Pediatricians on Vaccine Hesitancy:** Offering resources and guidance to help pediatricians confidently discuss vaccine safety with families and address their concerns.
- **Communicating About Vaccines** - Robert A. Bednarczyk, PhD

# Quality Push

Laura

## Recently Sent:

- Asthma Push and Recall Lists

## Coming soon:

- Fall Push and recall lists
- Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in the Pediatric Office Setting Webinar (Sept)
- SDOH Intro – October
- TCCN Fall State of the Union- Nov 4th

# Misc

- Other questions?

**Thank you for attending! Slides  
will be sent via the RoundUp**