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Discussion/Agenda minutes:

- 1) Therapy Caps: Discussed current cap at \$1980 and risk of a hard cap going into place January 2018 if there is no repeal. SLPs are encouraged to contact their local legislation to support a repeal of the therapy cap.
- 2) Strategic Health Solution announced an expansion of their contract giving the right for a “second line” record review. We are seeing denials for billing 97532 which lead to a brief discussion regarding LCD making decisions on billing. SLPs should be informed, advocacy is need. SLPs are encouraged to sign up for updates on government and public relations, and SLP practice issues on the ASHA Headlines website at <http://www.asha.org/Publications/ASHA-Headlines/>.
- 3) Proposed rule: Went to the Office of Management and Budget. It was reported that the SNF rule is listed as economically significant.
- 4) CF licensure issue: Six states (CT, PA, MA, and others) do not provide interim licensure for SLPs. Many payers (Medicare and others) set requirements that require SLP licensure for payment purposes; thus CF services wouldn’t be reimbursed in states that do not have interim license. SLPs in these states are encouraged to work with their local boards to advocate for interim licensing for new grad SLPs, allowing them to work in medical environments.

Respectfully submitted by Mary L Hindal on 4/24/17 (date)