

IMPORTANT MEDICARE POLICIES

- Patients covered by Medicare health insurance must see their referring physician 30 days after starting physical therapy treatment, and every subsequent 30 days for as long as therapy continues.

We must emphasize that without a physician/caregiver visit, Medicare will not pay for physical therapy if more than 30 days have elapsed since your first physical therapy visit.

- As of September 01, 2003, the moratorium on the Medicare cap for physical therapy/speech therapy is no longer in place, thanks to a lack of congressional action. Therefore, Medicare benefits for physical therapy/speech therapy are now limited to \$1590 per calendar year with 80% paid by Medicare. Most patients will not reach this level, but if they do, there are options available which will be presented to you if/when it becomes necessary.

Impact Physical Therapy will take responsibility to monitor your charges and you will be informed when your account reaches \$1200.

We understand that these policies are an inconvenience, and we feel, unnecessary. These policies have been met with resistance by therapists, physicians and patients, due to the belief that your physician/caregiver should determine the number of visits for a given injury/condition.

To voice your displeasure or frustration in regard to the above Medicare policies, we have included a list of contacts on the back of this form.

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