



TO OUR MEDICARE PATIENTS

Caldwell Therapy Center / Caldwell Community Physical Therapy is a participating provider with Medicare Part B. This means that we will bill Medicare for all of the services we render and reimbursement comes directly to this office. Being a participating Medicare provider also means that we accept Medicare assignment according to Medicare's own fee schedule.

It is important to understand that Medicare will only pay 80% of the charges they approve after your calendar year deductible (\$147 in 2014) has been met. Any part of your annual Medicare deductible and the 20% balance Medicare does not cover; is your responsibility to pay.

If you have a secondary or supplemental insurance plan that pays the portion of our charges Medicare does not cover, we will be happy to process those for you. Any portion of those charges not paid by the secondary or supplemental insurer will be billed to you.

Currently, there is a Medicare dollar cap of \$1,920 for out-patient physical or occupational therapy services as long as Medicare guidelines are met.

To receive your Medicare benefits, Medicare regulations stipulate that you must meet the following conditions for outpatient physical and occupational therapy.

- 1. Your doctor must prescribe the physical or occupational therapy service. All prescriptions must include diagnosis, frequency & duration of treatment, treatment plan guidelines, anticipated goals, and the physician's signature.**
- 2. The therapy prescription must be dated within 2 weeks of your first therapy appointment.**
- 3. Your initial physician prescription can not exceed 60 days of treatment. Once the initial prescription has expired, Medicare requires you return to your referring physician for examination prior to any continuation of therapy. Thereafter, you must return to your doctor at least every 30 days while you are being seen for therapy. A phone call or a written prescription without a doctor's office visit is not sufficient for Medicare coverage. Please understand that these are federal regulations that we have no control over.**
- 4. The therapist expects the patient's condition will improve significantly in a reasonable and generally predictable amount of time. Maintenance therapy is not covered by Medicare.**
- 5. Your signature is required to be on file (Patient Agreement).**

While you are being treated at Caldwell Therapy Center, we will do our best to make your visits, pleasant and productive. If you have any questions please call weekdays at 973-575-7576.

Please feel free to share this notice with your doctor.

We look forward to serving you. Thank you.

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