

*****ATTENTION MEDICARE PATIENTS*****

MEDICARE POLICY EFFECTIVE 1/1/2010

Beginning January 1, 2010, financial limitation of therapy services (therapy caps) have been implemented by Medicare. The dollar amount for the 2010 limitation on physical and speech-language pathology services from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 is \$1,860.00. Please note any services performed in excess of the \$1,860.00 will be the responsibility of the patient.

Medicare guidelines require an updated physical therapy prescription every 30 days. Once the 30-day mark has been passed, the prescription is exhausted, and a new one must be obtained. Further, Medicare requires that patients have a follow-up visit with the doctor in order to obtain the prescription, rather than simply calling the doctor to have an updated prescription sent. Please note that the number of visits ordered on the prescription must be completed before the expiration date or they will be lost.

As the patient, it is your responsibility to schedule follow-up appointments with your doctor and obtain a prescription to continue physical therapy. We will make every effort to keep you aware of your current expiration date and will provide to your doctor any progress notes that he or she may require in order to prescribe additional therapy.

Please keep your expiration dates in mind and ensure that you are following up with your doctor to avoid any lapses in treatment. Please understand that these are Medicare policies, and, if your prescription has expired, we will be unable to treat you without an updated order.

Thank you,

PATIENT SIGNATURE

DATE

*Are you currently receiving home health services? _____ yes **or** _____ no*