

Patient Name: _____
DOB: _____
MRN: _____

Medicare Therapy Cap

To: Our Medicare Patients

Medicare caps the amount it spends on physical, occupational and speech therapy for each patient.

For 2012, the cap is \$1,880 for physical and speech therapy (combined) and another \$1,880 for occupational therapy. Co-pay and unmet deductible amounts count against the cap, so if you have met your Medicare deductible and do not receive speech therapy, Medicare will pay up to \$1,504 (80% of \$1,880) for your outpatient physical therapy this year.

You should not be affected by the cap because most Medicare patients are seen for less than 15 therapy visits with each visit averaging about \$85, for a total of \$1,275.

We will help you determine if your therapy costs are close to the cap. If you are close to the cap and you need additional therapy, we can help you choose between the following options:

- (1) You may qualify for an exception to the cap that will permit you to continue therapy that is covered by Medicare (subject to pending legislation);
- (2) If you have secondary coverage, your secondary insurer may pay for costs above the cap;
- (3) You can obtain additional therapy at a hospital outpatient clinic (which is not subject to the cap); or
- (4) You can pay for therapy.

We will do our best to provide you with the therapy services you need while minimizing your costs. You are welcome to direct any questions you have regarding the cap to your therapist.

Patient Signature

Date