

Dear Medicare Beneficiary,

It is extremely important that you take a few minutes out of your schedule to write a letter to your congressional representative and encourage them to act quickly to extend the exemption process on the outpatient physical therapy cap that is presently in place. As you may or may not be aware, for the past several years a financial cap of \$1,860.00 has been in place per year for outpatient physical therapy services. An exemption process has been in place however that allows those of you who need care beyond that financial limit to receive the care that has been determined to be medically necessary for you. Should this exemption not be put back in place you will only receive benefits that will allow you to receive approximately 16 physical therapy visits this entire calendar year. Many of you have received care last year only through the exemption process. Without the exemption process in place your care will not be covered beyond the 16th visit.

I have enclosed recent correspondence that I have received from the American Physical Therapy Association for your review. Please feel free to discuss this matter with me at your convenience. I encourage you to act quickly however so that none of you are forced to be discharged without having reached full maximum benefit from your physical therapy. I encourage you to advise all of your friends and relatives who also receive Medicare coverage to write to their congress representatives as well as we need the folks in Washington to understand how short sighted they are being. We went through this same process two years ago and only with the help of folks like you, was legislation passed to extend the exemption process. We look forward to another successful grass roots effort on your part.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

With best regards,

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