

## Medicare Out-Patient Physical Therapy Services

As of January 1, 2015, Medicare has reinstated the cap on out-patient physical therapy services provided in a private practice setting. The yearly maximum as of January 2015 is **\$1940.00** per calendar year (an increase from the previous cap of \$1920.00) for combined physical therapy and speech-language pathology services. Medicare will pay 80% of their acceptable charges after your deductible has been met.

Your secondary or supplemental insurance carrier (if applicable) will then pay a portion of the remaining 20%; depending upon your individual plan benefits. As a courtesy to you, Northern Arizona Rehabilitation & Fitness, PC will bill your secondary carrier for the remaining 20% of Medicare allowable charges. Any balance remaining after secondary reimbursement will be your responsibility.

In order for physical therapy services to be covered by Medicare B:

1. It must be demonstrated that the judgment, skills, and knowledge of a qualified physical therapist are necessary for the patient to progress, and
2. There must be an expectation that the patient will improve significantly in a reasonable and generally predictable period of time.

**Medicare may pay for infrequent re-evaluation visits but will NOT pay for maintenance level therapy, modalities, or exercises that can be performed at home.**

After completing your evaluation or re-evaluation; if your physical therapist believes that additional physical therapy services would not meet the requirements for Medicare reimbursement, it is then your decision, with the referring physician's approval, to continue physical therapy services. At that time you will have the option of signing an Advanced Beneficiary Notice and assume full financial responsibility for the remainder of your care to continue at Northern Arizona Rehabilitation & Fitness, or continue independently taking advantage of the AfterCare program.

**Please sign below to indicate you have read and understand this notice and authorize Northern Arizona Rehabilitation & Fitness, PC to hold you financially responsible for all physical therapy charges incurred after your physical therapist deems services to be non-reimbursable by Medicare.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_