

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:

Manual Medical Review of Therapy Claims

Tuesday August 7, 2012
2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is to provide an opportunity for **providers** to ask questions about the mandated manual medical review of therapy services from October 1-December 31, 2012 that was enacted by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

During this Special Open Door Forum, CMS will discuss the implementation of a process to request exceptions from manual medical review, and what the process entails.

CMS requests providers' participation who order or provide therapy services nationally. See below for more background and who will be impacted.

The statutory Medicare Part B outpatient therapy cap for Occupational Therapy (OT) is \$1,880 for 2012, and the combined cap for Physical Therapy (PT) and Speech-Language Pathology Services (SLP) is also \$1,880 for 2012. This is an annual per beneficiary therapy cap amount determined for each calendar year. Medicare allowable charges, which include both Medicare payments to providers and beneficiary coinsurance, are counted toward the therapy cap. In outpatient settings, Medicare will pay for 80 percent of allowable charges and the beneficiary is responsible for the remaining 20 percent of the amount.

The therapy cap applies to all Part B outpatient therapy settings and providers including:

- private practices,
- skilled nursing facilities,
- home health agencies,
- outpatient rehabilitation facilities, and
- comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities.

Beginning this year, the therapy cap will also apply to therapy services furnished in hospital outpatient departments (HOPDs) until December 31, 2012. Before 2012, therapy provided in hospital outpatient departments did not count towards the therapy cap.

Participants may submit questions prior to the Special ODF to therapycapreview@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Participant Dial-In Number(s):

- Operator Assisted Toll-Free Dial-In Number: (800) 603-1774
- Conference ID: 16032541

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