



Notice of Exclusions from Medicare Benefits (NEMB)

Dear Patient:

Medicare requires us to remind you that they will not pay for all of your health care costs. Medicare pays only for "covered benefits". Some items and services are not Medicare benefits, and Medicare will not pay for them. The purpose of this notice is to help you make an informed choice about whether or not you want to receive any such not-covered items or services, knowing that you will have to pay for them yourself. Before you make a decision, you should read this notice carefully. If you don't understand why Medicare won't pay for something, please ask us. If you would like to speak to our Business Office to find out how much these items or services will cost you, again, please ask us, or call 928-855-4248.

- As of January 1, 2006, Medicare will not pay for unlimited outpatient physical and speech/language therapy (combined) received in a private office. The limit for 2008 is \$1,810 per year. There is a separate limit on occupational therapy of \$1,810 as well. This limit is for the entire calendar year. The limit covers any and all conditions treated during those periods, and does not "start over" because you are now being treated for a new condition. This calendar year limit applies not only to treatment at LAKESIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY, but includes all other non- hospital facilities. Although most of our patients never reach this limit, you are responsible for 100% of our charges if you do. So if you and your therapist agree that it will be necessary for you to reach this limit in order to complete your physical therapy program, our Business Office staff will work out an affordable payment plan for you. We do have special rates for seniors who are in this situation.
- Other things that are not covered under the Medicare program include:
 - Personal comfort items. Such items include supplies like wraps, sleeves, braces, back or neck pillows, etc.
 - Orthopedic shoes and foot supports (orthotics) and routine foot and flat foot care.
 - Services by immediate relatives.
 - Other: _____

We take the health of our seniors very seriously. For those of you who are already under treatment, we don't give up the ground we've just worked so hard to achieve, and realize that you may want and need more physical therapy in order to get better. We will make every effort to help our patients get reimbursed by Medicare for covered services that are medically necessary, but it is your responsibility to know what is and isn't covered.

For complete information on what Medicare provides, contact them at 1-800-MEDICARE, or on the Web at <http://www.medicare.gov>. If you have any questions about this notice, or need help contacting your elected representatives in Congress regarding problems with Medicare, or the \$1,810 cap, please let us know and we'll be happy to help you.

I have read the information above, and understand that some items and services such as the ones described are not Medicare benefits, and that Medicare will not pay for them.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Date