



WELCOME 2009 Medicare Beneficiary!

Dear Patient:

Welcome to Twin Boro Physical Therapy, where we have been committed to serving all our patients' with the highest quality of care, helping each patient achieve their goal of feeling a difference!

As of January 1, 2009, Congress has voted for the Medicare financial limit or cap for physical and occupational therapy to be extended until December 31, 2009.

The limit has been set to \$1840.00 per year.

What does this mean to you?

As a patient in an outpatient facility, you are entitled to \$1840 of coverage for your outpatient physical therapy and speech therapy combined and \$1840 of coverage for outpatient occupational therapy. This limit is for the year and not per diagnosis. If you have received physical or occupational therapy within the calendar year, either with us or with another provider, please notify our front office staff.

We, as a provider, are responsible for accessing your progress throughout your treatment. As you approach the limit imposed by Medicare, your therapist will discuss with you whether or not continued treatment is considered medically necessary and will result in an improved outcome or maintain your current status. We will assist you in making an informed choice about continuing therapy after meeting the limit set by Medicare.

Medicare does give the beneficiary the option of continuing to treat with your current Outpatient Physical Therapy facility if treatment is considered medically necessary, or at your request, you may continue to obtain treatment at a Hospital Outpatient Therapy Facility, where Medicare will continue to cover your treatment after the Medicare limit has been met.

Should you choose to continue your services with Twin Boro Physical Therapy after the therapist determines that any additional progress will be limited and is not considered medically necessary, you will be responsible for \$65.00 per visit.

We appreciate that you have chosen Twin Boro Physical Therapy to provide you with your therapeutic care.

We will do our utmost to assist you with any questions you may have concerning this new cap put into effect for the 2009 calendar year.

Thank you.

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