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## **How to Determine Your Insurance Benefits for Physical Therapy**

KEEP THIS WORKSHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS

- 1. Call the toll-free number for customer service on your insurance card. Select the option that will allow you to speak with a customer service provider, not an automated system.
- 2. Ask the customer service provider to quote your physical therapy benefits in general. These are frequently termed rehabilitation benefits and can include occupational therapy, speech therapy, and sometimes massage
- 3. Make sure the customer service provider understands you are seeing a non-preferred provider/out-of**network provider**. Find out if your insurance needs a referral to that specific provider.

What YOU need to know:		
Do you have a deductible?	If so, how much is it?	How much is already met?
What percentage of reimbursem	ent do you have?	_
Does the rate of reimbursement	change because you're see	eing a non-preferred provider?
Does your policy require a writte	n prescription from your p	rimary care physician?
Will a written prescription from a	any MD, or a specialist you	r PCP referred you to be accepted

- · Does your policy require pre-authorization or a referral on file for outpatient physical therapy services?
- . If yes, do they have one on file?
- · Is there a \$ or visit limit per year?
- · Do you require a special form to be filled out to submit a claim?
- . What is the mailing address you should submit claims/ reimbursement forms to?

## What this information means:

- · A deductible may have to be satisfied before the insurance company will pay for therapy treatment. Submit all bills to help reach the deductible amount.
- · The reimbursement percentage will be based on your insurance company's established "reasonable and customary/fair price" for the service codes rendered. This price will not necessarily match the charges billed. Some may be less, some may be more.
- · If your policy requires a prescription from your PCP you must obtain one to send in with the claim. This is usually not difficult to obtain since your PCP sent you to a specialist for help with your condition. If the prescription from a MD or specialist is all you need, make sure to have a copy to include with your claim. Each time you receive an updated prescription you'll need to include it will the claim.
- · If your policy requires pre-authorization or a referral on file and the insurance company doesn't have one listed yet, you'll need to call the referral coordinator at your MD's office. Ask them to file a referral for your physical therapy treatment that is dated to cover your first physical therapy visit. Be aware that referrals and pre-authorizations have an expiration date and some set a visit limit. If you are approaching the expiration date or visit limit you'll need the referral coordinator to submit a request for more treatment.

This worksheet was created to assist you in obtaining reimbursement for Physical Therapy services and is not a guarantee of reimbursement to you.