



Trisha Becker Physical Therapy
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PHYSICAL THERAPY AND MEDICARE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) consider medically necessary physical therapy performed by any physical therapist, regardless of provider type, a covered service. To be considered medically necessary, physical therapy must be prescribed by medical physicians (MD/DO), Advanced Nurse Practitioners, or Podiatrists.

Three Types of Physical Therapy Medicare Providers

- **Participating (par) Providers:** Physical Therapists who accept the Medicare assignment of benefits. They agree to accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full. Beneficiaries are only responsible for the coinsurance (20 percent) of the assignment amount.
- **Non-Participating (non-par) Providers:** Physical therapists who do not routinely take Medicare assignment of benefits. They can bill Medicare patients up to 15 percent more than the assignment amount for non-participating providers AND can request total payment upfront for services.
- **No Relationship Providers:** Physical Therapists who do not associate with Medicare in any capacity. They cannot treat or collect payment from Medicare patients for any medically necessary Medicare-covered service. However, they can treat Medicare patients for non-covered services deemed not medically necessary.

Trisha Becker, PT, DPT, OCS, has **no relationship** with Medicare and, therefore, cannot provide medically necessary physical therapy to ANY Medicare beneficiary with a referral from an approved provider, per CMS rules. However, Dr. Becker can provide physical therapy to those same beneficiaries in the following cases:

- PT Referral from a non-approved Medicare provider (Chiropractor/Dentist)
- PT Services deemed not medically necessary by CMS (Wellness)
- Beneficiary has exceeded the cap for physical therapy visits

By signing this form, I understand that I am choosing to receive physical therapy that will not be covered or billed to Medicare and agree to the fee schedule set out in the Financial Policy. I further refuse Dr. Trisha Becker to bill services or release any medical records to any interested party (including CMS) other than myself for any reason.

Signature

Date