

## Explanation of the Medicare Exceptions Process

Due to patients' recent concerns over Medicare insurance coverage and limitations, a brief explanation of current Medicare coverage has been provided below.

Medicare coverage does have annual limits as to the amount they will reimburse for physical therapy services. Currently the yearly limit is \$1860.00 for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language pathology. However, with the exceptions process, Medicare patients may be able to exceed this limit if they fall into an exceptions category in which treatment is medically necessary and provided services meet specified diagnostic and clinical criteria. Many of the diagnoses which fall into this exceptions category are orthopedic in nature and may include but are not limited to: joint replacements, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, most fractures, amputations, spinal cord injuries, and nerve root injuries. If you have additional questions about whether your diagnosis falls into the exceptions category please feel free to contact our clinic.