

ITEM 11. PHYSICAL THERAPY AND RELATED SERVICES

A, B, & C Physical therapy, occupational therapy and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders are limited as follows:

- 1) to those provided in the outpatient department of a hospital, nursing facility*or Medicare certified rehabilitation agency; and by staff therapists of a home health agency or comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility;
- 2) to four month duration from start of outpatient therapy unless prior authorization is granted for an extended time period;
- 3) no coverage beyond one year unless the service may not be reasonably provided by the patient's support person(s) and the patient undergoes another acute care episode or injury, experiences increased loss of function, or deterioration of the patient's condition requiring therapy is imminent and predictable.
- 4) Services provided by independently practicing speech language therapists are not covered.
- 5) Analog or Digital hearing aids are covered when they are determined to be medically necessary pursuant to §1905(r) of the Social Security Act.

* PT, OT, and ST for an inpatient of the facility are covered in the nursing facility per diem.

All therapy providers meet the provider qualification described in 42 CFR 440.110.

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