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PATIENT RIGHTS SPECIFIC TO PHYSICAL THERAPY

CAN I GO TO ANY PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR DO I HAVE TO GO TO WHERE THE DOCTOR RECOMMENDS?

IF YOUR DOCTOR RECOMMENDS OR YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM PHYSICAL THERAPY YOU CAN GO TO ANY LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST YOU FEEL BEST MEETS YOUR NEEDS.

DO I NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO GET PHYSICAL THERAPY?

LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS ARE ALLOWED TO EVALUATE AND TREAT YOU WITHOUT SEEING A DOCTOR FIRST. YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY IS WHO MAY REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR THE COVERAGE OF YOUR PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENTS.

DO I NEED A PRESCRIPTION FOR A SPECIFIC CLINIC?

NO, A PRESCRIPTION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, REGARDLESS OF THE NAME OR LOCATION ON THE PRESCRIPTION, CAN BE USED ANYWHERE. YOU CAN TAKE A PRESCRIPTION FROM ANOTHER CLINIC AND USE IT WHERE YOUR NEEDS ARE BEST MET.

CAN I GET MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT MY CASE?

YES. REGARDLESS OF THE FACILITY (DOCTORS OFFICE, PHYSICAL THERAPY, ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTOR, ETC.) YOU, AS THE PATIENT, HAVE THE RIGHT TO COPIES OF YOUR REPORTS. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE TOLD YOUR OUTCOME PROGNOSIS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF TREATMENT.

WHO HAS AUTHORIZATION TO VIEW MY MEDICAL INFORMATION?

YOUR DOCTOR, THERAPIST AND THEIR SUPPORTING STAFF ARE AUTHORIZED TO VIEW YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL PRIVACY LAWS.

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TREATMENT?

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ALL OR PART OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENT THAT YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH.

CAN I CHANGE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS?

YES. IF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST IS NOT MEETING YOUR NEEDS YOU MAY CHANGE THERAPISTS. YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTION BACK AND CHANGE FACILITIES IF YOU CHOOSE.

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