



## Special Medicare Edition

Since so much of the news coming out of Medicare directly effects your practice, we have devoted most of this issue to CMS updates.

### [PQRI/PVRP Now Applicable to Therapists](#)

Due in large part to the efforts of PTPN, Medicare has modified one of the quality measures in the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative ("PQRI") to make it applicable to physical therapists. The PVRP (Physician Voluntary Reporting Program) [Measure #4](#), Screening for Future Fall Risk, now includes CPT codes 97001 and 97002 (PT evaluation and re-evaluation). This means that PTs who can, and successfully do, report on this measure for dates of service from 7/1/07 to 12/31/07 may earn a bonus payment, subject to a cap, of 1.5% of total allowed charges for covered Medicare services. We urge you to become familiar with the CMS website information on the [PQRI](#), and this measure specifically, to learn how to document and report properly on your claims. You will have to use both CPT II codes – "F" codes – and regular CPT codes. The F codes will need either a 0\$ amount associated with them, or if your system cannot bill zero, an amount of one cent. **CMS urges you to test your systems now to make sure they work on July 1.** If you don't have a fall screening protocol, PTPN is currently developing one which should be available prior to July 1. In addition to above links, for more info, [click here](#) for the latest PQRI PowerPoint presentation.

### [NPI# s – Get Them, Use Them Correctly](#)

CMS will be linking the PVRP measures above to the individual **therapist NPI#**, which belongs in column J on the new CMS form (see below). The bonus will be paid to the group NPI# (in box 32/33), but the calculations are by therapist NPI#. Some private insurers may want group NPI#s in column J, so make sure your software is flexible by payor. For more NPI info, [click here](#) for the CMS NPI webpage.

### [New CMS Billing Form Update](#)

There has been an extension of the deadline for using the new CMS form because some forms were printed incorrectly. [Click here](#) for more information. Also, to get a **free document explaining each field on the new CMS form**, [click here](#).

## Check It Out!

### [What's New at PTPN.com](#)

PTPN has two new features on our website. First, we have **improved the search feature on our "Find a Therapist" page**. You can now search by zip code and mileage radius. Second, for those of you thinking of transitioning your practice, whether in the next year or the next 10 years, check out "**Practice Transition FAQs**" which is a good place to get you thinking about the issues and options. It also answers questions about how the PTPN membership transfers to a buyer when you sell your practice. [Click here](#).

## PTPN In The News

PTPN has been featured in a number of publications in the last few months. You can always visit [PTPN.com](#) to see all our [articles](#) and [news releases](#).

A number of publications featured PTPN President Michael Weiner, MPH, PT, and PTPN Quality Assurance Director Mitchel Kaye, PT, talking about patient satisfaction. You can see a clip at [Briefings on Outpatient Rehab](#). We also made the [Business Wire](#) with an article about treating Baby Boomers.

### Calendar

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- 4/9- PTPN CA/CO – Annual Meetings & PTPN Outcomes Program Training, 11 meetings total, 3 meetings combine both, 8 meetings outcomes training only**
- 5/3 PTPN LA – Winning the Patient & Insurance Collections Game**

## PTPN'S Outcomes Program Powered by FOTO

PTPN's new mandatory outcomes reporting program is rolling out throughout the country. The engine powering this initiative is the program developed by Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes ("FOTO"). If you haven't visited the FOTO website, [click here](#) to take a look.