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Feature Article

[Deductions Your Small Businesses Shouldn't Miss](#)

"It's simple, the more tax deductions your business can legitimately take, the lower its taxable profit will be." Nolo.com outlines often overlooked deductions in this article.

Business

[Be Alert for Fraud in Your Business](#)

"For a small business, the effects of fraud can be devastating." This article gives some basic tips.

[9 Ways to Keep Your Employees Engaged](#)

"Are your employees giving your company their all? Do they believe that what they're doing is important?"

Medicare

[MedPac Report: Toward Better Value in Purchasing Outpatient Therapy Services](#)

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) is an independent federal body that advises Congress on issues affecting Medicare. In addition to advising Congress on payments to healthplans and providers participating in Medicare, MedPAC also analyzes access to care, quality of care, and other issues.

MedPAC's two reports – issued in March and June each year – are the primary outlet for its recommendations. The June 2006 report "Increasing the Value of Medicare" pays particular attention to **outpatient physical therapy services and the need for Medicare to implement a payment program linked to outcomes.**

[Medicare's Latest on the Cap Exceptions Process](#)

Click above for information on the therapy cap exception process.

Clinical

Check out the newest edition of [PTPN Clinical Focus](#)! Discover what many other visitors to [ptpn.com](#) have discovered – one of our most visited web pages is full of articles from current literature reviewed by Mitch Kaye, PT, PTPN Quality Assurance Director. It is **now indexed for easier searches.**

Check It Out!

[Link Your Website](#)

Did you know that your office is on the web? All PTPN members are on our website under the "[Find a Therapist](#)" section. And, if you have your own website, you can link it to your entry in this section. Just click here to send an [E-mail](#) requesting the link. We update our website quarterly.

PTPNotes is a bi-monthly service from PTPN. [E-mail](#) us with your comments.

[PTPN Patient Satisfaction Surveys](#)

As a PTPN member, you participate in our patient satisfaction survey process. This year PTPN is beginning a campaign to make payors aware of the results of these surveys, specifically that our members are the best! The first step in that campaign is a new section on our website which highlights the results. [Click here](#) to see for yourself!

Calendar

- 7.20 CA: Office Managers Meeting**
San Luis Obispo, CA
- 7.25 CA: Office Managers Meeting**
Fresno, CA
- 7.26 CA: Office Managers Meeting**
La Jolla, CA
- 8.22 TN/GA: Board of Directors**
- 10.12-13 Nat'l: APTA Private Practice Section Exhibit**
Miami, FL

CPR – Are You Up-to-Date?

Did you know that at the end of last year, the American Heart Association revised its CPR guidelines? CPR training is a part of PTPN's initial credentialing survey, and keeping your staff up-to-date should be a key component of every healthcare provider's office.

[New CPR Guidelines Unveiled](#)

(US Dept. Health and Human Services)

[Red Cross CPR Classes](#)

(American Red Cross)

[Find a Class Near You](#)

(American Heart Assn.)