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Business

[Small Business Loans](#)

From buying new equipment, to expanding your practice across the hall or across town, sometimes you need a loan. [Click here](#) for some articles on the basics of small business loans.

Medicare

[PQRI/PVRP Program Starts July 1, 2007](#)

The Medicare 1.5% bonus program for reporting on quality initiatives known as the PQRI begins 7/1/07. PTPN recently sent our members a "how to participate" document, complete with fall risk screening tools, via email and snail mail. If you didn't get it, contact your local PTPN administrative office. . . . The latest news is that **occupational therapy** evaluation codes (97002 and 97004) are now included in the PRVP [Measure #4](#), Screening for Future Fall Risk, so OTs can now participate in the program. . . . CMS has now posted a **PQRI Tool Kit** on the web. This [Tool Kit](#) consists of existing educational resources plus new measure-specific worksheets designed to walk the user step-by-step through reporting for each measure. The Tool Kit will be expanded as new educational resources become available. . . . Finally, **FOTO has upgraded its software** to include fall risk screening questions. Go to the [FOTO website](#) for more information.

[Medicare Audits and Rebills](#)

According to CMS, PTs in Private Practice are high-volume duplicate claim submitters (#3 in the list of the top 10), and "**duplicate billing is considered abusive and can result in additional auditing of your billing practice.**" Check out [this link](#) for more information.

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.

Check It Out!

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

We have our first documented **successful practice sale** through the **PTPN Practice Exchange**. A PTPN member since 1985, Hill's Physical Therapy in Irvine California, sold the practice to another private practitioner after listing it on the Exchange. Says Jan Hill, "We put an ad in the PTPN Practice Exchange and within a week we had a buyer." If you are thinking of selling your practice, or want to expand through buying an existing practice, check out the [PTPN Practice Exchange](#).

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](#).

PTPN President Michael Weiner, MPH, PT, is talking about outcomes. You can see the article "Outpatient Rehabilitation Network Affects Value, Bottom Line" about defining quality at [Managed Healthcare Executive](#) online. Click on "Features," then scroll down.

Calendar

[\(click here\)](#) for our calendar feature and more info at PTPN.com)

7/25- PTPN CA – Office Managers Meeting, Cerritos

8/23- PTPN LA/MS – Annual Membership Meeting

8/26- PTPN GA – Georgia State Board Workers' Comp Educational Forum

Ongoing Training and Updating

Part of PTPN's Credentialing Program is checking your office for evidence of updated policies and procedures, as well as ongoing staff training in a variety of areas such as corporate compliance, HIPAA, OSHA, etc. You should make sure your policies are reviewed and updated annually. For staff training, we recommend reviewing a different area at monthly or quarterly staff meetings (it's too hard to do it all at once). The web has a myriad of resources. Here's a good general guide to [staff training](#) we found.