

ACTION ALERT!

Implore Congress to support continued patient access to physical and occupational therapy services by MITIGATING the impact of the 15% payment reduction.

CLICK HERE to ask lawmakers to pass HR5536 to suspend the PTA/OTA differential!

Nexus Therapy Management EXCELLENCE Award for Clinical Outcomes

The *Nexus EXCELLENCE Award for Clinical Outcomes* has been established to recognize exemplary clinical outcome gains.

A Clinician of *EXCELLENCE* is always striving to be a master of their craft. They consistently add value to the patients' quality of life and the documentation they produce demonstrates this value. If a picture is worth a 1,000 words, a picture of evidence based clinical outcomes is worth 10,000!

Each quarter an employee from each discipline will be commended for *EXCELLENCE* in their practice.

Please join with us in congratulating **Q1 2022 : Nexus EXCELLENCE Award** Winners:

Katherine Bailey, M.S., CCC-SLP
Elizabeth Shipp, M.S., OTR/L
Houston Crow, DPT

AVOIDING DENIALS - DENIAL REASONS REFRESHER

Most improper payments for SNF services are the result of insufficient documentation because the certification or recertification statement was missing or didn't include all required information. Medicare coverage of SNF services requires certification and recertification. [42 CFR Section 424.20](#)

- [MLN Medicare Compliance Tips](#)
- [UPDATED ABN CMS - FORM & INSTRUCTIONS](#)

CMS News: What may be coming...

Here are a few bullet points taken from President Biden's recent State of the Union Address that have nursing home owners and operators on alert:

- CMS to establish minimum staffing requirements for nursing homes
- Reduction of room crowding. Phase out rooms with 3 or more residents and to promote single occupancy rooms
- Update SNF VBP program by proposing new payment changes based on staffing adequacy, resident experience, and staff retention
- Further efforts to identify inappropriate use of antipsychotic medications and problematic diagnosis
- Increased oversight? Proposing to provide an additional \$500 million to CMS's survey budget.
- Expand financial penalties for poor performers
- Increase accountability for nursing home chain owners

- ★ **Contact lawmakers - let them know your thoughts on the PRO ACT.**
- ★ **Submit comments to CMS asking for reversal of reform provisions that you do not agree with. [Click here for more info.](#)**

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