Payment for Physiatric Visits Within a 30-Day Period While the Patient is Receiving Rehabilitation Therapies

It is the position of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation that in the course of our members’ efforts to help patients who are receiving physical therapy or other rehabilitation therapies, there are certainly times when these patients need to be seen by the treating physician more often than once per month. There are many reasons for this, the most obvious being that the patient's therapy may need to be updated if the patient improves or becomes worse. It would be more cost effective for third-party payers, whether they be federal, state, workers' compensation or others, to allow the physician to reevaluate the patient often enough to decide whether continued therapy or an alteration of therapy is needed.

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