

April 13, 2009

H 1475. MEDICAID BILLING/OUTPATIENT PHY. THERAPY. Filed 4/9/09. *TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH THERAPY COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS UP TO AGE TWENTY-ONE UNDER THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.*

Requires that physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy services be covered under Medicaid for individuals over the age of 21. Provides that payments for these services are to be (1) at rates negotiated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and (2) made to qualified providers, both independent practitioners and outpatient therapy services providers, when therapy services are rendered in outpatient hospital settings, outpatient rehabilitation agencies, a provider's office, and the home. Requires that these services be subject to utilization review and prior approval, if applicable. Directs DHHS to apply for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if necessary to secure a federal share for these services. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Jackson.

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