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Gwenna Peters, PT  
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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is in response to your recent inquiry regarding outpatient therapy services and the Medicare required physician follow-up.

The Missouri Medicaid program is not required to implement policy changes due to a change in Medicare policy. Therefore, the Medicare policy referenced in your letter (CMS Manual 220.3.2) does not apply to Medicaid. Missouri Medicaid does not require physician follow-up for therapy services which span longer than 60 days. A prescription from a Medicaid enrolled primary care provider is required annually for physical and occupational therapy, and a referral is required annually for speech/language therapy. It has been and will continue to be the Division of Medical Services' (DMS) policy to notify providers in advance of program requirements/change(s) and respective implementation dates. Please refer to the benefits and limitations in Section 13 of the therapy manual and the subsequent bulletins on the Internet at [www.dss.mo.gov/dms](http://www.dss.mo.gov/dms).

Please feel free to contact Sandra K. Levels of my staff at 573-751-6926 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Rackers".

Christine Rackers  
Director

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