
42 C.F.R. § 410.47

Pulmonary rehabilitation program: Conditions for coverage.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this section:

Individualized treatment plan means a written plan tailored to each individual patient that includes all of the following:

- (i) A description of the individual's diagnosis.
- (ii) The type, amount, frequency, and duration of the items and services furnished under the plan.
- (iii) The goals set for the individual under the plan.

Medical director means the physician who oversees the pulmonary rehabilitation program at a particular site.

Nonphysician practitioner means a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist as those terms are defined in section 1861(aa)(5)(A) of the Act.

Outcomes assessment means an evaluation of progress as it relates to the individual's rehabilitation which includes the following:

- (i) Evaluations, based on patient-centered outcomes, which must be measured by the physician or program staff at the beginning and end of the program. Evaluations measured by program staff must be considered by the physician in developing and/or reviewing individualized treatment plans.
- (ii) Objective clinical measures of exercise performance and self-reported measures of shortness of breath and behavior.

Physician means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy as defined in section 1861(r)(1) of the Act.

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