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Dear MDwise Hoosier Alliance Hoosier Healthwise Provider:

As a reminder, please note that during 2011 Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) instituted changes to prior authorization procedures for outpatient therapy services: physical (PT), occupational (OT), speech (ST). The changes are as follows:

- There is no limit to the number of medically necessary therapy service visits for patients 21 years old and older.
- Prior authorization is not required for the initial therapy evaluation (PT, OT, ST).

The attached copy of the May 24, 2011, issue of the *IHCP Bulletin* (BT201126) provides additional information.

In addition to the IHCP changes referenced above, MDwise Hoosier Alliance has established the following parameters regarding prior authorization for PT, OT and ST outpatient therapy services:

- Prior authorization is required after the 12<sup>th</sup> therapy visit.
- The initial evaluation visit counts toward the 12 therapy visits that do not require prior authorization.

Along with these changes in prior authorization for the outpatient therapy services, please also note that diapers and pull-ups no longer require prior authorization.

Thank you for the high-quality health care you provide to MDwise Hoosier Alliance members. Please call us at 888-961-3100 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## Removal of physical, speech, and occupational therapy services limitations

As previously published in Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) provider bulletin [BT201058](#), dated December 7, 2010, the IHCP announced a service limit to physical, speech, and occupational therapy to 25 visits for each type of therapy, per rolling 12-month period, for members age 21 or older, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011.

These service limitations that were previously announced will be eliminated effective June 30, 2011, but will be applied to any claims submitted with dates of service for January 1, 2011, through June 29, 2011. In addition, prior authorization will be required for all members age 21 or older for physical, speech, and occupational therapy, effective for dates of service on or after June 30, 2011.

Therapy services for members less than 21 years of age remains unchanged, and current prior authorization requirements remain in effect.

The OMPP appreciates your cooperation and your continued participation as providers in the IHCP.

### QUESTIONS?

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