

Cover Letter
Publication of Three Therapy Deliverables

In fiscal year 2006, CMS received three deliverables resulting from a grant and a contract to study outpatient therapy services. Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes (FOTO) presented a report titled, "Pay-for-Performance for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy: Medicare Part B Services." Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) delivered a Utilization and Edit Report and a Pilot Report.

The reports are posted as received from the contractors. They do not represent CMS policy or opinion. The reports project optional approaches to the development of alternatives to therapy caps; they do not address the many operational hurdles and systems issues that would influence the timeline and the feasibility of implementing any new payment system.

CMS appreciates the efforts of the contractors, who have provided information and ideas that deserve consideration. These reports are posted here to encourage stakeholders to utilize the information in discussions with CMS concerning alternatives to therapy caps. Questions about the specifics in the FOTO report should be directed to Dennis Hart, PhD, PT, 551 Yopps Cove Rd, White Stone VA 22578-2403, or hart@fotoinc.com. Questions concerning the CSC reports should be addressed to June Cho, 3120 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite 210, Baltimore, MD 21244 or jcho4@csc.com.

Interested parties may submit comments about alternatives to therapy caps to CMS. Comments should be sent to Dorothy.Shannon@cms.hhs.gov.