

PT, Occupational Therapy Assistants Allowed to Treat Veterans

Did you know that physical and occupational therapy assistants can be utilized for Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) community care programs?

As long as the assistants are performing under the supervision of a licensed physical or occupational therapist, VA allows it! This works for both the Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) Program and the Veterans Choice Program.

State and Medicare Requirements Still Apply

All state- and Medicare-related requirements for the use of physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants must still be followed. Additionally, your medical documentation should clearly indicate which services the assistant provided, versus the services the therapist provided.

Please remember that TriWest Healthcare Alliance is not the same as TRICARE or other federally funded programs. This update is specific to the *Veterans* you provide services to under PC3 and Choice.

Thank you for your continued partnership in delivering this critical service to Veterans!



AUG 2018

If you have received this fax in error, or if you are a network provider who no longer wishes to receive any faxed communications from TriWest Healthcare Alliance, please notify this office immediately at 1-855-PCCCVET (722-2838) (phone) or at (602) 564-2523 (facsimile). Please allow three (3) to five (5) business days for processing. TriWest Healthcare Alliance is sending this facsimile in order to obtain information to its network providers related to the medical treatment of United States veterans in geographic regions where the VA contracts with TriWest to process claims. This fax is intended only for the use of TriWest's network providers and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or protected by the law. All others are hereby notified that the receipt of this fax does not waive any applicable privilege or exemption for disclosure and that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is prohibited.