



Effective Health Care

Physical Therapy for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- *Physical Therapy for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes* does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because the topic does not address a specific therapeutic or diagnostic intervention. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator(s): Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator is interested in who determines whether a patient with type 2 diabetes is eligible to receive out-patient or in-home physical therapy. The nominator states that a patient transitioning from Medicaid to Medicare will lose coverage for these forms of physical therapy, which has a negative impact on a patient's health.

Key Questions from Nominator: Who should be the one to say when a patient no longer deserves rehabilitation in physical therapy whether it is in-home or out-patient therapy?

Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews focus attention on the evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)