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Dear Therapeutic Association Members,

In accordance with Governor Beshear's press conference on 3/18/20 regarding physical therapy and occupational therapy services:

- Skilled rehabilitation professionals (physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language therapists, and respiratory therapists) shall continue to work in acute care, inpatient rehabilitative settings, and skilled nursing facilities. Their work will allow patients to heal sooner and return home to their preferred setting. All CDC recommended protective measures shall be in place when providing services to patients.
- All outpatient rehabilitative settings shall close and transition to a telehealth platform in accordance with DMS guidance immediately.
- Home health rehabilitation professionals shall use best clinical judgment to determine best practice for the implementation of community based rehabilitative services in light of the COVID19 pandemic. In-home rehabilitative services shall be extremely limited and medically necessary to prevent readmission to an acute care or long-term care setting.
- Rehabilitative telehealth services shall be maximized to the fullest extent possible for patients receiving community based rehabilitative skilled therapy services.