

**The Inflation Redcution Act 0f 2022- Three Cost and Coverage to Medicare**

**March 19, 2004: Number 1:** Providers of Medicare services must deliver a Notice of Medicare Noncoverage at least two days before planned termination of Medicare coverage of services. (See: www.cms.gov/manuals/pm\_trans/r41otn.pdf)

**March 23, 2004: Number 2**: According to a CMS transmittal, a Medicare beneficiary undergoing outpatient physical therapy, speech-language pathology services and outpatient occupational therapy must see a physician or nonphysician practitioner within 60 days after the therapy begins and every 30 days, thereafter. The 60 day period begins with the therapist's initial encounter with the patient. The initial encounter should occur in a timely manner after the physician's referral. In addition, the timing of recertification and visit requirements should coincide. (See: www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm\_trans/r5bp.pdf)

**March 27, 2004: Number 3**: During the 2003 legislative session, 17 states introduced legislation related to patient safety, quality improvement of healthcare delivery or both. These states were Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

**FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND PERSONAL ARTICLE ON PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS WHEN SELECTING A NURSING HOME SEE OUR ARTICLE** ["How to Select a Nursing Home"](../aging/homes.htm)

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