

BULLETIN NUMBER: 11-2019
TITLE: SHORT TERM OUTPATIENT THERAPY
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify coverage for Short-term outpatient services that includes physical therapy, cardiac therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation, cognitive therapy, chiropractic, osteopathic, manipulation therapy and acupuncture.

BACKGROUND:

Any short term outpatient therapies are considered treatment which is given at a hospital that does not require hospital admission or over night stay at the hospital. Most short term outpatient therapies are available locally at the Belau National Hospital and are payable under Medical Savings Account.

INTERPRETATION:**OFF-ISLAND REFERRAL**

- Short term outpatient therapy as listed above are covered at 80% and subject to OOP max.
- Coverage under the Plan is only for short term outpatient therapies not available locally and need services provided at an off-island referral site.
- Preapproval from the Medical Referral Committee & HCF Administrator is required.

LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

- Short term outpatient therapy as listed above is not covered under the plan if provided locally but is payable under MSA.