Virtual Physical Therapy Services





BACKGROUND

Physical Therapy moved from third to second highest Hoag expense in 2023 August YTD. To reduce Physical Therapy spending and increase patient convenience, physicians will be able to refer Managed Care patients to a Virtual PT vendor. Vendors are a digital health solution that provides customized, at-home recovery exercise protocols for patients.

VIRTUAL PT VENDORS





A short video <u>here</u> showcases the patient-technology experience with the IncludeHealth platform.

After a referral is made, the vendor will reach out to the patient. A physical therapist will conduct an initial assessment with the patient and create a digital exercise plan tailored to the patient's needs. A link to the digital plan will be shared to the patient via text or email and the patient can follow along to their exercises via web browser. Exercise progress will be captured and logged. Patients' monthly progress notes will be faxed to the individual physician sites (example on last page). Monthly, patients will have scheduled follow-up visits via telehealth with the vendor's physical therapist. Patients have unlimited interaction throughout the plan of care with the vendor through secure messaging for questions and concerns.

Reauthorization will be required for a patient to continue with the vendor after 3 months of usage.



WHAT IS TREATED

- Sports Injuries
- Shoulder Pain
- Neck Pain
- Hip and Knee Pain
- Back Pain & Sciatica
- Elbow & Wrist Pain

- Carpal Tunnel
- Foot & Ankle
- Chronic Pain
- Headaches
- Balance
- Arthritis
- Work Injuries
- Pre & Post Surgical

(**NOT** currently treating Vertigo or Concussion Care)

VIRTUAL PT EXCLUSION CRITERIA

TOPIC	SCREENING QUESTION	RECOMMENDED EXCLUSION
Surgical History	Have you had surgery on the specified body part in the last 30 days?	Post-Op <30
Fall Risk	Have you fallen in the past year?	>2 falls (non-recreational) in past 6 months
Past Medical History	Do you have any medical conditions that limit your ability to exercise? Ex. Cardiac, breathing issues If so, have you been cleared to exercise by your MD?	Any medical condition with exercise restrictions that has not been cleared by MD
Comfort w/ Technology	Are you comfortable using technology?	Exclude if not comfortable with tech



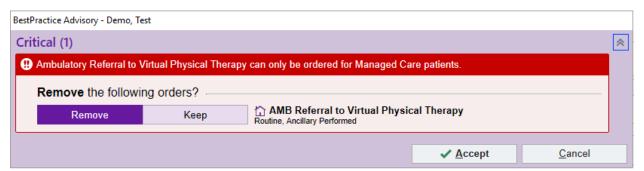
Red Flags	 Is your pain unrelieved by rest or change in position? Any bilateral numbness or tingling down your arms/legs? Are you experiencing constant, intense night pain or unremitting, throbbing pain? Any numbness or loss of feeling between your legs/saddle area? Any recent bowel or bladder issues? Any rapid or progressive weakness or loss of sensation in arm/leg? 	Exclude if Yes to any red flag questions
Yellow Flags	Screening for anxiety, depression, fear avoidance (TBD based on methods used to screen)	Referring Clinician Discretion



HOW TO REFER



- 1. Place an order for "AMB Referral to Virtual Physical Therapy."
- 2. Select a Refer To vendor: IncludeHealth or Stabl
- 3. Optional: specify Joint, Laterality and additional reason for PT.
- 4. Apply applicable diagnosis code
- 5. Upon signing encounter, the order will fax directly to vendor. The vendor will reach out to the patient within a week once order is received.



Virtual PT should only be used for Managed Care Patients. An alert pop-up will appear if the order is for a Non-managed Care Patient.



EXAMPLE OF MONTHLY PATIENT PROGRESS NOTE

