

## **Talking Points**

### **Therapy Cap Exceptions Process**

- I am calling in support of action to stop therapy caps from restricting care for Medicare patients.
- The exceptions process for Medicare outpatient therapy caps ensures that beneficiaries with disabilities will have access to medically necessary outpatient rehabilitation services.
- The exceptions process expired on December 31, 2009, and now thousands of Medicare patients are beginning to hit the cap.
- Patient care has been disrupted, as financially limited Medicare patients are refusing further therapy care because they cannot afford the additional payments.
- Please pass an extension of the therapy cap exceptions process immediately.
- Congress signaled its intention to address the therapy cap problem as part of health care reform legislation. Both the House and Senate passed bills provided for an extension of the therapy cap exceptions process.
- Extending the exceptions process would ensure continued patient access to vital therapy services.
- Without your timely intervention, therapy services will be further disrupted and even more Medicare beneficiaries will suffer.
- Thank you for your consideration of my request.