

Direct Access

As of November 23, 2006, residents in New York can go directly to a Physical Therapist without being required by law, to obtain a prescription from your medical doctor. This provides New Yorkers with another streamlined access-point into the health care system.

Close collaboration between your doctor and your physical therapists will continue to ensure your safety and guide you toward full recovery.

Please inquire if your insurance company covers direct access services. Due to the sharply-rising costs of co-pays, many New Yorkers are opting to pay out-of-pocket for the convenience of being able to be seen immediately and to avoid the added expense of an additional visit to the doctor.

Direct Access Agreement for Physical Therapy Services

I, _____ understand that I may receive physical therapy treatment at Agape Physical Therapy Services without a physician's signed prescription for treatment. This is known as "Direct Access".

I understand that Agape Physical Therapy Services will bill my insurance carrier, _____; I understand that my insurance carrier may or may not pay my physical therapy claims if I am treated without a physician's prescription.

If my insurance carrier denies my physical therapy claims because I do not have a physician's prescription, I will be responsible for paying those claims out-of-pocket.

Treatment to begin on: _____

I have received a copy

Name of Patient: _____ Address: _____

Signature of Patient: _____ Date: _____

Name of Physical Therapist: _____ License # _____

Signature of Physical Therapist: _____ Date: _____