



**“Because of severely arthritic knees,
I had a double knee replacement.
After rehabilitation, I was back
at work in 6 weeks. But soon,
other patients needing rehab may
not be as lucky as I’ve been.”**

— Ernie Menold, Lester, PA

A new regulation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will soon make it more difficult for inpatient rehabilitation facilities to give patients the help they need.

The new CMS rule uses criteria from 1984 to determine whether these facilities can continue to provide sophisticated rehabilitation services. Instead of modernizing the nearly 20-year-old criteria, the CMS proposal would only make minor permanent changes to the so-called “75% Rule”, and would severely restrict access to quality inpatient rehabilitation for many patients. Some rehab facilities may even be forced to close.

The 75% rule is 100% wrong.

Given all the changes in medical practice over the past two decades, the rule is completely out of step with how care is delivered in the 21st century.

Congress and CMS must Stop, Study and Modernize:

- **Stop** the implementation of this new rule;
- **Study** the issue by asking the renowned Institute of Medicine to convene a panel of clinical experts in rehabilitation;
- **Modernize** the rule so all Americans have access to the rehabilitation care they need.

**Americans Deserve Access to Quality Rehab Care.
Just ask Ernie Menold.**



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