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As a physical therapist and co-owner of Northern Physical Therapy, I am responsible for the clinical leadership and am the Medicare Administrator for our ten west Michigan based PT clinics. I began my career as a Grand Valley State University graduate in 1988. My BS in Physical Therapy allowed me to spend time in acute care, burn unit, home health care, and finally outpatient orthopedics before purchasing Northern Physical Therapy in 2003. In 2008 I become a certified Mulligan practitioner and continue to take ongoing education courses in back pain treatment.

Over the last few years I've seen my role change a bit as I've gone from treating patients full time to spending more time in billing as Northern PT's Medicare Administrator. My goal is to help patients understand the ever-changing world of health insurance and Medicare. Under my supervision, Northern PT went live with electronic medical records in 2010. I also frequently lecture students at my alma matter on the ins and outs of billing and coding.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family, scrapbooking, card making, reading mysteries, and spending time at the cottage.

I want to serve the part of MPTA's Reimbursement Director because I am passionate about the reimbursement, insurance, and payment portions of our field. As PT's we are required to possess a great deal of knowledge and to provide a service that is both incredibly invaluable and beneficial. I want to continue to educate others and fight for stronger reimbursements where physical therapy is concerned - with these outcomes we will only see benefits for both our patients and the field of physical therapy.