

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 27, 2020

U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

1-11151
(Commission File Number)

76-0364866
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1300 West Sam Houston Parkway South,
Suite 300, Houston, Texas**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77042
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 297-7000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	USPH	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.



Item 8.01 Other Events.

Business Update – Telehealth Services

On May 27, 2020, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) announced that it will approve reimbursement for telehealth services provided to Medicare beneficiaries during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency period for those outpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy providers enrolled with Medicare as certified rehabilitation agencies (“CRAs”), to further expand the ability of beneficiaries in all areas of the country (not just rural areas) to receive rehabilitation services virtually through telehealth, including in beneficiaries’ homes. This new waiver applies to services provided after March 1, 2020. Approximately 40% of the Company’s clinics participate in the Medicare program as CRAs. Previously, CMS announced a similar waiver to allow outpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy providers enrolled with Medicare as private practices to provide and be reimbursed for similar telehealth services. Approximately 60% of the Company’s clinics participate in the Medicare program as private practices.

The authority for these waivers derives from actions previously taken by the federal government. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) declared a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 247d, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the HHS Secretary authorized the waiver or modification of certain requirements under the Medicare program pursuant to section 1135 of the Social Security Act. Under this authority, CMS issued a variety of waivers, including the telehealth related waivers described above.

Summary of Risk Factors

Our business can be affected by certain risks, uncertainties and factors which include, but are not limited to:

- the multiple effects of the impact of public health crises and epidemics/pandemics, such as the novel strain of COVID-19 (coronavirus) which the financial magnitude cannot be currently estimated;
- changes as the result of government enacted national healthcare reform;
- changes in Medicare rules and guidelines and reimbursement or failure of our clinics to maintain their Medicare certification and/or enrollment status;
- revenue we receive from Medicare and Medicaid being subject to potential retroactive reduction;
- business and regulatory conditions including federal and state regulations;
- governmental and other third party payor inspections, reviews, investigations and audits, which may result in sanctions or reputational harm and increased costs;
- compliance with federal and state laws and regulations relating to the privacy of individually identifiable patient information, and associated fines and penalties for failure to comply;
- changes in reimbursement rates or payment methods from third party payors including government agencies, and changes in the deductibles and co-pays owed by patients;
- revenue and earnings expectations;
- legal actions, which could subject us to increased operating costs and uninsured liabilities;
- general economic conditions;
- availability and cost of qualified physical therapists;
- personnel productivity and retaining key personnel;
- competitive, economic or reimbursement conditions in our markets which may require us to reorganize or close certain clinics and thereby incur losses and/or closure costs including the possible write-down or write-off of goodwill and other intangible assets;

- competitive environment in the industrial injury prevention business, which could result in the termination or non-renewal of contractual service arrangements and other adverse financial consequences for that service line;
- acquisitions, purchase of non-controlling interests (minority interests) and the successful integration of the operations of the acquired businesses;
- maintaining our information technology systems with adequate safeguards to protect against cyber-attacks;
- a security breach of our or our third party vendors' information technology systems may subject us to potential legal action and reputational harm and may result in a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act;
- maintaining adequate internal controls;
- maintaining necessary insurance coverage;
- availability, terms, and use of capital; and
- weather and other seasonal factors.

Refer to Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 21, 2020 and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 filed on February 28, 2020 for a listing and explanation of risk factors.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.

Dated: May 29, 2020

By: /s/ LAWRENCE W. MCAFEE

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Chief Financial Officer

(duly authorized officer and principal financial and accounting officer)

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