### Chiropractic Care SEOC 1.0.1

**Description:** This authorization covers services associated with all medical care listed below as clinically indicated.

**Duration - frequency:** 365 days – 12 visits per year

**Procedural Overview**

1. Initial outpatient evaluation and manual manipulation therapy for the patient complaint per authorization.
2. Standard imaging relevant to the patient complaint/condition should be completed at VA to extent possible.
3. Office visits for this episode of care are limited to 12 visits per year. Chiropractic care justification must include a detailed plan with a specific timeline linked to objective measurable improvement.
4. Expectations of service for chiropractic treatment include:
   a. Significant durable pain intensity decrease
   b. Functional improvement demonstrated by: clinically meaningful improvement on validated disease-specific outcomes instruments; return to work; and/or documented improvement in activities of daily living
5. Documented decreased utilization of pain-related medications

**All requests for additional therapeutic modalities, including heat/cold modalities and massage therapy require VA review.**

**All requests for supplements will be routed through the VA.**

**Additional consultations needed relevant to the patient complaint/condition require VA review and approval.**

**DME, prosthetics and orthotics will be reviewed by the VA for provision.**

**All routine medications will be provided by the VA.**

Urgent/emergent prescriptions can be provided for a 14 day supply only. The Veteran will be required to pay out of pocket for any urgent/emergent medications and can submit a reimbursement request to their local VA facility.