

Rehabilitative Services

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.