



VHA Office of Community Care – Standardized Episode of Care

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Acupuncture Initial SEOC 1.0.4

SEOC ID: PMR_ACUPUNCTURE_INITIAL_1.0.4

Description: This authorization covers services associated with all medical care listed below for the referred condition on the consult.

Duration: 90 days

Procedural Overview

1. Initial outpatient evaluation for this episode of care
2. A maximum of twelve (12) acupuncture visits is approved for this episode of care. Approved services include acupuncture with or without electrostimulation. A maximum of one additional unit of acupuncture (with or without electrostimulation) is allowed when the re-insertion of needles is supported in medical documentation.
3. If indicated, approved modalities that can be utilized during the approved acupuncture visits noted in #2 above can include: manual therapy and therapeutic exercise procedures including but not limited to: cupping, myofascial release, and therapeutic exercises.
4. Outpatient re-evaluation during this episode of care as clinically indicated.

*Additional acupuncture care beyond this trial must provide documentation of: Objective measures demonstrating the extent of meaningful clinical improvement to date; and rationale for the additional treatment requested (e.g. to reach further durable improvement, or for ongoing pain management); and any further information supporting the need for additional care

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



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