

Rehabilitative Services

Chiropractic Continuation of Initial 1.1.2

SEOC ID: CHIROPRACTIC_CONTINUATION_SERVICE_1.1.2

Description: This authorization covers services associated with all medical care listed below for the referred condition on the consult. The services below are a continuation of chiropractic care and require a prior evaluation and series of chiropractic care. In this situation, additional lasting improvement for this episode is expected. This includes the rare cases that have not resolved or plateaued within the initial 12-visit trial. Possible explanations for this include severe or emerging complicating factors, substantial change in treatment plan, or unintended gaps in treatment plan.

Duration: 30 days

Procedural Overview

1. Additional outpatient evaluation and outpatient re-evaluation as clinically indicated on the consult.
2. Plain film x-ray of the region of complaint specified on the consult if not yet performed at the VA and is clinically indicated.
 - a. Plain film x-ray imaging only when medically necessary based on widely-accepted indications such as clinical suspicion of fracture, dislocation, or other significant pathology. X-ray is not authorized for biomechanical/postural assessment, and/or determining manipulative technique approach.
3. Six (6) Chiropractic Visits authorized. Chiropractic services include: chiropractic manipulative treatment, manual therapy, therapeutic exercise, and/or neuromuscular re-education

*All requests for additional therapeutic modalities require VA review. Additional chiropractic 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

*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 orders must be submitted to the local VA facility prosthetics department for provision.

*All routine medications must be faxed/sent to the VA to be dispensed 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.

