

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Chiropractic Pain Management SEOC 1.2.2

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Description: This authorization covers services associated with all medical care listed below for the referred condition on the consult. In this situation, additional lasting improvement beyond what was seen after the initial and/or continued trial is not expected. Patients have reported meaningful improvement of reasonable duration, but have plateaued and reached MMI from chiropractic care. Patients experience degradation in functional gains after some period when chiropractic care is withdrawn. All other indicated medical, psychological, behavioral and social interventions have been tried or considered. Appropriate active care and self-management strategies are part of the overall treatment plan and patients are compliant with recommendations.

Duration: 180 days

Procedural Overview

1. Additional outpatient re-evaluation as clinically indicated on consult.
2. Eight (8) authorized chiropractic visits. Chiropractic services include: chiropractic manipulative treatment, manual therapy, therapeutic exercise, and/or neuromuscular re-education

Note: Expectations of service for chiropractic chronic pain management include:

- a. Assessment of patient function after a withdrawal of chiropractic care; AND
- b. Consideration of other indicated medical, psychological, behavioral, and/or social interventions; AND
- c. Inclusion of appropriate, individualized active care strategies such as home exercise and self-management approaches to empower patient self-efficacy

- *All requests for additional therapeutic modalities 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 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.

