

Chiropractic
Governing Rules List
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GENERAL RULE GROUPS

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CH-GLOBAL	Chiropractic Global - Applies to all Health Service Codes				
	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	3.1
	3.1.1	3.2	3.3	4.1	4.1.1
	4.1.2	4.1.3	4.1.4	6.1	
CH-VISIT	Chiropractic Visits				
	5.1	5.1.1	5.1.2	5.1.3	5.1.4
	5.1.5	5.1.6	5.1.7	5.1.8	5.1.9
	5.1.10	5.1.11	5.1.12	5.1.13	5.1.14
	5.1.15	5.1.16	5.1.17	5.1.18	5.1.19
	7.1				

Schedule of Chiropractic Benefits
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These Governing Rules are issued under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act which takes precedence in cases of conflict.

1 REGISTERED CHIROPRACTORS

- 1.1 Notwithstanding the Chiropractic Benefits set out in this Schedule for chiropractic services provided by chiropractors who are registered by the College of Chiropractors of Alberta to residents or their dependants, benefits payable are subject to the governing rules in this Schedule.
- 1.2 A claim for benefits must be submitted in the format prescribed by the Minister.
- 1.3 Subsection 1.2 applies whether the claim is submitted by a chiropractor on behalf of a patient or by the patient.

2 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 For purposes of this Schedule,

"benefit year" means a period of 12 consecutive months commencing on the first day of July in each year.

3 BENEFITS LIMITS

- 3.1 Subject to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Regulation (Alberta Reg. 216/81) and the Claims for Benefits Regulation (Alberta Reg. 204/81) the benefits payable for insured services provided by a chiropractor inside or outside Alberta are limited as follows:
 - 3.1.1 to a benefit maximum of \$200.00 for each individual per benefit year effective on or after November 15, 1995.
- 3.2 A chiropractor may claim benefits only when the patient is present.
- 3.3 W.C.B. claims are excluded from the limits in Governing Rules 3.1, 3.1.1.

4 EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 4.1 Benefits are not payable for the following:
 - 4.1.1 missed appointments,
 - 4.1.2 administration,
 - 4.1.3 recording of chiropractic services provided or claims for benefits,
 - 4.1.4 claims received more than 180 days from the date of service, unless evidence of extenuating circumstances satisfactory to the Minister is provided.

5 INCLUSIVE BENEFITS

- 5.1 The following treatments and modalities are included in chiropractic visits covered under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act:

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5.1.1 CONTRAST BATHS

5.1.2 DIATHERMY

- Shortwave
- Microwave

5.1.3 ELECTROTHERAPY

Low Frequency

- Galvanic Low Frequency Current
- Sine Wave Current
- TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation)

Medium Frequency

- Russian Muscle Stimulation
- Nerve Block
- Interferential Stimulation
- Farradic Current

High Frequency

- Galvanic High Frequency Current

5.1.4 EXERCISE THERAPY REHABILITATION

5.1.5 HYDROTHERAPY

- Whirlpool Baths
- Hot Baths

5.1.6 INFRARED THERAPY

5.1.7 IONTOPHORESIS

5.1.8 LASER THERAPY

5.1.9 MASSAGE - MANUAL

5.1.10 MICROCURRENT

5.1.11 ORTHOTICS

5.1.12 SUPERFICIAL COLD (CRYOTHERAPY)

- Cold Packs
- Ice Baths
- Ice Massage

5.1.13 SUPERFICIAL HEAT

- Dry Heat (Heat Pads)
- Hot Moist Packs (Hydrocollator)
- Paraffin Immersion Wax Bath

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5.1.14 TRACTION

- Intersegmental (spinalator)
- Intermittent
- Manual
- Mechanical
- Gravitational

5.1.15 TRIGGER POINT THERAPY

5.1.16 ULTRASOUND WAVE THERAPY

5.1.17 ULTRAVIOLET WAVE THERAPY

5.1.18 VAPO-COOLANT THERAPY

5.1.19 VIBRATION THERAPY

- Electrical Massage Devices

6 SERVICES FOR BOTH WCB AND ALBERTA HEALTH ON SAME DAY

6.1 Where chiropractic services are provided during the same encounter for which portions are the responsibility of Alberta Health and the Workers' Compensation Board, only the WCB benefit will be paid and not both.

7 MULTIPLE SERVICES SAME DAY

7.1 A second visit will not be paid on the same date of service.

8 X-RAY SERVICES

8.1 Only one x-ray benefit will be paid per benefit period unless extenuating circumstances exist.