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1.0 Introduction
Chiropractic services focus on the diagnosis and manipulative treatment of misalignments of the joints, especially those of the spinal column, which may cause other disorders by affecting the nerves, muscles, and organs.

1.1 Florida Medicaid Policies
This policy is intended for use by providers that render chiropractic services to eligible Florida Medicaid recipients. It must be used in conjunction with Florida Medicaid’s General Policies (as defined in section 1.3) and any applicable service-specific and claim reimbursement policies with which providers must comply.


1.2 Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Plans
Florida Medicaid managed care plans must comply with the service coverage requirements outlined in this policy, unless otherwise specified in the AHCA contract with the Florida Medicaid managed care plan. The provision of services to recipients enrolled in a Florida Medicaid managed care plan must not be subject to more stringent service coverage limits than specified in Florida Medicaid policies.

1.3 Legal Authority
Chiropractic services are authorized by the following:
- Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 440.60
- Section 409.906, Florida Statutes (F.S.)

1.4 Definitions
The following definitions are applicable to this policy. For additional definitions that are applicable to all sections of Rule Division 59G, F.A.C., please refer to the Florida Medicaid Definitions Policy.

1.4.1 Claim Reimbursement Policy
A policy document found in Rule Division 59G, F.A.C. that provides instructions on how to bill for services.

1.4.2 Coverage and Limitations Handbook or Coverage Policy
A policy document found in Rule Division 59G, F.A.C. that contains coverage information about a Florida Medicaid service.

1.4.3 General Policies
A collective term for Florida Medicaid policy documents found in Rule Chapter 59G-1, F.A.C. containing information that applies to all providers (unless otherwise specified) rendering services to recipients.

1.4.4 Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity
As defined in Rule 59G-1.010, F.A.C.

1.4.5 Provider
The term used to describe any entity, facility, person, or group enrolled with AHCA to furnish services under the Florida Medicaid program in accordance with the provider agreement.

1.4.6 Recipient
For the purpose of this coverage policy, the term used to describe an individual enrolled in Florida Medicaid (including managed care plan enrollees).
2.0 Eligible Recipient

2.1 General Criteria
An eligible recipient must be enrolled in the Florida Medicaid program on the date of service and meet the criteria provided in this policy.

Provider(s) must verify each recipient’s eligibility each time a service is rendered.

2.2 Who Can Receive
Florida Medicaid recipients requiring medically necessary chiropractic services. Some services may be subject to additional coverage criteria as specified in section 4.0.

2.3 Coinsurance and Copayments
Recipients are responsible for the following copayment in accordance with section 409.9081, F.S., unless the recipient is exempt from copayment requirements or the copayment is waived by the Florida Medicaid managed care plan in which the recipient is enrolled. For more information on copayment and coinsurance requirements and exemptions, please refer to Florida Medicaid’s Copayments and Coinsurance Policy:

- $1.00 per practitioner office visit, per day
- $3.00 per federally qualified health center visit, per day
- $3.00 per rural health clinic, per day

3.0 Eligible Provider

3.1 General Criteria
Providers must meet the qualifications specified in this policy in order to be reimbursed for Florida Medicaid chiropractic services.

3.2 Who Can Provide
Services must be rendered by practitioners licensed in accordance with Chapter 460, F.S. and working within the scope of their practice.

4.0 Coverage Information

4.1 General Criteria
Florida Medicaid covers services that meet all of the following:

- Are determined medically necessary
- Do not duplicate another service
- Meet the criteria as specified in this policy

4.2 Specific Criteria
Florida Medicaid covers chiropractic services in accordance with the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology and the applicable Florida Medicaid fee schedule, as follows:

- Up to 24 visits per year, per recipient
- X-rays

4.3 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
As required by federal law, Florida Medicaid provides services to eligible recipients under the age of 21 years, if such services are medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, a condition, or a physical or mental illness. Included are diagnostic services, treatment, equipment, supplies, and other measures described in section 1905(a) of the SSA, codified in Title 42 of the United States Code 1396d(a). As such, services for recipients under the age of 21 years exceeding the coverage described within this policy or the associated fee schedule
may be approved, if medically necessary. For more information, please refer to Florida Medicaid’s Authorization Requirements Policy.

5.0 Exclusion

5.1 General Non-Covered Criteria
Services related to this policy are not covered when any of the following apply:

- The service does not meet the medical necessity criteria listed in section 1.0
- The recipient does not meet the eligibility requirements listed in section 2.0
- The service unnecessarily duplicates another provider’s service

5.2 Specific Non-Covered Criteria
Florida Medicaid does not cover the following as part of this service benefit:

- Osteopathic manipulative treatment
- Telephone communications with recipients, their representatives, caregivers, and other providers, except for services rendered in accordance with the Florida Medicaid Telemedicine Policy.

6.0 Documentation

6.1 General Criteria
For information on general documentation requirements, please refer to Florida Medicaid’s Recordkeeping and Documentation Requirements Policy.

6.2 Specific Criteria
There is no coverage-specific documentation requirement for this service.

7.0 Authorization

7.1 General Criteria
The authorization information described below is applicable to the fee-for-service delivery system. For more information on general authorization requirements, please refer to Florida Medicaid’s Authorization Requirements Policy.

7.2 Specific Criteria
There are no specific authorization criteria for this service.

8.0 Reimbursement

8.1 General Criteria
The reimbursement information below is applicable to the fee-for-service delivery system.

8.2 Claim Type
Professional (837P/CMS-1500)

8.3 Billing Code, Modifier, and Billing Unit
Providers must report the most current and appropriate billing code(s), modifier(s), and billing unit(s) for the service rendered, incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4.002, F.A.C.

8.4 Diagnosis Code
Providers must report the most current and appropriate diagnosis code to the highest level of specificity that supports medical necessity, as appropriate for this service.

8.5 Rate