

State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Social Services
Concerning
Requirements for Payment of Chiropractic Services –
Removing Coverage Exclusion for Initial Visit

Section 1. Section 17b-262-540 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

The department shall not pay for the following chiropractic services which are not covered under the Medical Assistance Program:

(a) chiropractic practice does not include the prescription or administration of any medicine or drug or the performance of any surgery;

(b) x-rays furnished by a practitioner of chiropractic;

[(c) an initial visit for exam and diagnosis;]

[(d)] (c) manipulation of other parts of the body such as: the shoulder, arm, knee—even when for subluxation of the spine;

[(e)] (d) lab work ordered by a practitioner of chiropractic;

[(f)] (e) for information or services provided to a client over the telephone; and

[(g)] (f) for cancelled office visits or appointments not kept.

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of this regulation is to update the chiropractic services regulation as follows:

(A) The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address:

Pursuant to Section 331 of Public Act 21-2 of the June 2021 special session, DSS reinstated Medicaid coverage for chiropractic services effective October 1, 2021. The current DSS chiropractic services regulation, however, prohibits coverage for an initial chiropractor visit for exam and diagnosis. Based on stakeholder feedback in connection with the restoration of coverage and after additional review, DSS has determined that this coverage exclusion should be removed in order to facilitate the provision of the initial exam necessary for chiropractors to ensure proper diagnosis and treatment planning.

(B) The main provisions of the regulation: This regulation removes the prohibition on coverage for an initial chiropractic visit for exam and diagnosis.

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws: This regulation removes the coverage exclusion detailed above.