Guide for SoonerCare Chiropractors

Purpose:

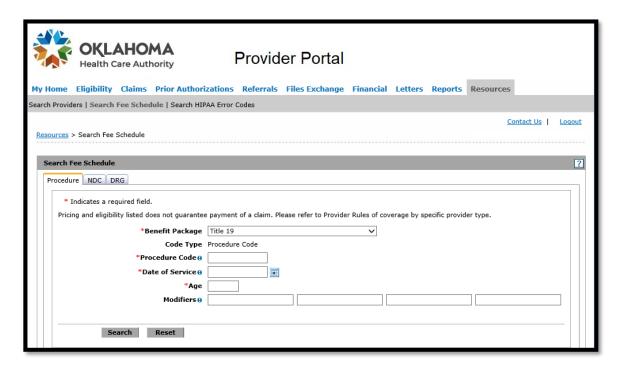
In an effort to decrease use and misuse of opioid medications, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) implemented <u>alternative treatments for pain management</u> effective January 1, 2022.

- The program consists of coverage for medically necessary chiropractic care for adults ages 21 and older, with a primary diagnosis of acute, subacute, and chronic spinal/back pain or injury, or a primary diagnosis of neuromusculoskeletal disorder related to the spinal column.
- Alternative treatments for pain management are non-pharmacological treatments recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts.
- Treatments are intended to reduce pain, increase mobility, optimize function, and decrease use and misuse of opioid medications.

Coverage of services:

Manual Spinal Manipulation is the only chiropractic service covered by SoonerCare for the treatment of acute or chronic back pain.

- Includes manipulation of the five regions of the spinal column for the treatment of back pain by a licensed chiropractor.
- There is no referral or ordering requirement for these services.
- Reimbursement of services can be verified using the Search Fee Schedule under the Resources tab of the OHCA secure provider portal.











- Medicare primary claims are paid a certain percentage of the coinsurance and deductible of Medicare.
- One chiropractic initial evaluation and one re-evaluation are allowed per calendar year.
 - Evaluation and management (E&M) codes do not require prior authorization.
 - New patient evaluation should be billed using CPT codes 99202 or 99203.
 - Established patient re-evaluation should be billed using CPT codes 99212 or 99213.
- Services should be billed using Chiropractic Manipulative Treatment (CMT) codes 98940, 98941 and 98942.
 - Only one code may be billed per visit.
 - Limited to 12 visits per calendar year.
 - Services must be authorized prior to rendering treatment. Retro authorizations for chiropractic codes are not accepted. See the Prior Authorization section for guidelines and documentation requirements.

Contracting Requirements:

<u>Eligible providers</u> must be appropriately licensed, must be in good standing in the state in which they practice, and must be working in accordance with the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act or other applicable statutes.

- Must enter into a provider agreement with OHCA to provide chiropractic services to SoonerCare members.
- Current Medicare contracted providers must apply for a separate Medicaid contract to provide chiropractic services to SoonerCare members.
- Chiropractors require a copy of their current license and proof of malpractice insurance to obtain a SoonerCare provider contract.
- Provider enrollment application can be found on the <u>Provider Enrollment</u> page by selecting New Contracts.

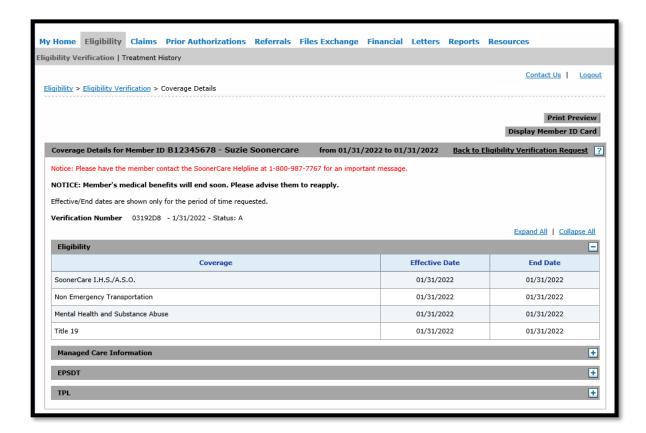
Eligibility & Verification:

Chiropractor services are only covered for adults 21 and older with Title 19 or Expansion Healthy Adult as the eligibility program.

• Eligibility must be verified on the date of service.







The Treatment History feature of the OHCA secure provider portal allows providers to view the number of visits that have been paid during a specific timeframe for a particular member.

- Treatment History is found under the Eligibility tab on the secure provider portal.
- SoonerCare members that have met the limit of chiropractor services are responsible for any additional visits.

Prior Authorization:

Prior Authorization Requests (PARs) for chiropractor services must be submitted electronically via the OHCA secure provider portal and must be approved prior to providing treatment.

- PA request documentation must include attestation that services are being used in lieu of or to decrease opioid treatment.
- Prior authorization is not a guarantee of payment.
- Full guidelines are available on the Medical Authorization Unit webpage <u>here</u>.
- For assistance with prior authorizations, view the Medical Prior Authorizations training presentation on the provider training page or email SoonerCareEducation@okhca.org.

For more information, view the Chiropractors and SoonerCare training webinar and FAQ on the provider training page.





