



Chiropractic Services

Plan: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana

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Policy contains: Chiropractic care; manipulative treatment.

AmeriHealth Caritas has developed clinical policies to assist with making coverage determinations. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), state regulatory agencies, the American Medical Association (AMA), medical specialty professional societies, and peer-reviewed professional literature. These clinical policies along with other sources, such as plan benefits and state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, including any state- or plan-specific definition of medically necessary, and the specific facts of the particular situation are considered by AmeriHealth Caritas when making coverage determinations. In the event of conflict between this clinical policy and plan benefits and/or state or federal laws and/or regulatory requirements, the plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements shall control. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are for informational purposes only and not intended as medical advice or to direct treatment. Physicians and other health care providers are solely responsible for the treatment decisions for their patients. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are reflective of evidence-based medicine at the time of review. As medical science evolves, AmeriHealth Caritas will update its clinical policies as necessary. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are not guarantees of payment.

Policy statement

Chiropractic manipulative treatment may be covered for AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana beneficiaries up to 21 years of age when medically necessary and provided as a result of a medical referral from the beneficiary's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment medical screening primary care physician.

References

Louisiana Department of Health. 2010. Professional Services Provider Manual. Chiropractic Services. Chapter 5, Section 5.1. Issued 09/08/2020.

Policy updates

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