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**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

**NOTES FOR  
ALLIED HEALTH PROVIDERS  
SECTION 2(b)  
CHIROPRACTORS**

This section of the Notes for Allied Health Providers must be read in conjunction with Section 1 – General

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## **Providing chiropractic services**

These Notes should be read in conjunction with Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General.

1. Only a chiropractor who is registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and has been issued with a provider number by the Department of Human Services (DHS) at the time of service is eligible to provide services to entitled persons.

Note: A chiropractor with a dual degree e.g. chiropractic/osteopathy, who is registered with DHS in both disciplines, can only claim for one specialty type per client on the same day.

## **Types of chiropractic services that can be provided**

2. The Repatriation Commission and the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (the Commissions) will only accept financial responsibility for chiropractic services involving treatment of the musculo-skeletal system. The services the Commissions will accept are listed in the DVA Chiropractors Schedule of Fees. No other treatment will be accepted.

## **Diagnostic imaging**

3. Chiropractic providers who wish to perform and assess x-rays on entitled persons at their practice location(s) must register their qualifications with DVA. To register with DVA, the provider must provide documentary proof of their licence to perform radiography under relevant legislation, and certify they have x-ray equipment on site for each location at which they wish to perform x-rays.
4. DVA will review the documentation and register your qualifications to undertake diagnostic imaging with DHS. Contact details are located in Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clause 149].

## **Prior financial authorisation**

5. There are specific item numbers requiring prior financial authorisation indicated by shading and an asterisk (\*) in the DVA Chiropractors Schedule of Fees. Fee schedules are available at:

[www.dva.gov.au/SERVICE\\_PROVIDERS/FEE\\_SCHEDULES/Pages/Dental\\_and\\_Allied\\_Health.aspx](http://www.dva.gov.au/SERVICE_PROVIDERS/FEE_SCHEDULES/Pages/Dental_and_Allied_Health.aspx)

6. For information on how to seek prior financial authorisation refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clauses 51-56].

## **Treatment Cycle**

7. For information on the treatment cycle arrangements, which came into effect on 1 October 2019, refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General.

**Treatment thresholds/limits**

8. For information on treatment thresholds and limits refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clauses 20-23].

**Restrictions on services**

9. While all chiropractic services claimed must be in accordance with the patient's clinical need, the following specific restrictions exist:
- only one initial consultation can be claimed per treatment cycle.
  - an initial consultation and a subsequent consultation cannot be provided on the same day for the same patient;
  - only one subsequent consultation item per patient can be provided each day;
  - concurrent delivery of chiropractic and physiotherapy or chiropractic and osteopathy services for the same condition to any entitled person is not permitted; and
  - a chiropractic consultation cannot be claimed on the same day as an exercise physiology service to treat the same condition. When booking a treatment session with a DVA client chiropractors must check to ensure a DVA funded exercise physiology service is not being provided on the same day to treat the same condition.

**Rehabilitation Appliances Program**

10. Chiropractors are recognised prescribers of certain appliances under the Department's Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). When utilising the RAP scheme, prescribers must issue the RAP item prescription to the appropriate contracted supplier. Contact DVA to obtain full details including which appliances you can prescribe, prescription forms and information on contracted RAP suppliers.
11. Further information on RAP, including which providers are eligible to prescribe RAP items, is available on the DVA website or by contacting DVA [see clause 153 for details]. The RAP schedule of items can be found at:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/provider-programmes/rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap>