

Chiropractic Services Rider

**CCPOA Chiropractic Benefits
Summary of Benefits**

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Services under this chiropractic services Benefit.

Benefits	Your Payment	
<p><i>Covered Services must be determined as Medically Necessary by American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans).</i></p> <p><i>Up to 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year.</i></p> <p><i>Services are not subject to the Calendar Year Deductible and do count towards the Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</i></p>		
	When using an ASH Participating Provider	When using a Non-Participating Provider
Chiropractic Services		
Office visit	\$15/visit	Not covered
Chiropractic Appliances	All charges above \$50	Not covered

Benefit Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal Requirements.

PENDING REGULATORY APPROVAL

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Introduction

In addition to the Benefits listed in your Evidence of Coverage, your rider provides coverage for chiropractic services as described in this supplement. The Benefits covered under this rider must be received from an American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans) Participating Provider. These chiropractic Benefits are separate from your health Plan, but the general provisions, limitations, and exclusions described in your Evidence of Coverage do apply. A referral from your Primary Care Physician is not required.

All Covered Services, except for (1) the initial examination and treatment by an ASH Participating Provider; and (2) Emergency Services, must be determined as Medically Necessary by ASH Plans.

Note: ASH Plans will respond to all requests for Medical Necessity review within five business days from receipt of the request.

Covered Services received from providers who are not ASH Participating Providers will not be covered except for Emergency Services and in certain circumstances, in counties in California in which there are no ASH Participating Providers. If ASH Plans determines Covered Services from a provider other than a Participating Provider are Medically Necessary, you will be responsible for the Participating Provider Copayment amount.

Benefits

Chiropractic Services

Benefits are available for Medically Necessary chiropractic services for the treatment of Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders.

Benefits include an initial examination, subsequent office visits and the following services:

- spinal and extra-spinal joint manipulation (adjustments);
- adjunctive therapy such as electrical muscle stimulation or therapeutic exercises;
- plain film x-ray services; and
- chiropractic supports and appliances.

Visits for chiropractic services are limited to a per Member per Calendar Year maximum as shown on the Summary of Benefits. Benefits must be provided in an office setting. You will be referred to your Primary Care Physician for evaluation of conditions not related to a Musculoskeletal and Related Disorder and for other services not covered under this rider such as diagnostic imaging (e.g. CAT scans or MRIs).

Note: You should exhaust the Benefits covered under this rider before accessing the same services through the "Alternative Care Discount Program," which is a wellness discount program. For more information about the Alternative Care Discount Program, visit www.blueshieldca.com.

See the Grievance Process portion of your EOC for information on filing a grievance, your right to seek assistance from the Department of Managed Health Care, and your rights to independent medical review.

Member Services

For all chiropractic services, Blue Shield of California has contracted with ASH Plans to act as the Plan's chiropractic services administrator. Contact ASH Plans with questions about chiropractic services, ASH Participating Providers, or chiropractic Benefits.

Contact ASH Plans at:

1-800-678-9133
American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc.
P.O. Box 509002
San Diego, CA 92150-9002

ASH Plans can answer many questions over the telephone.

Definitions

American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans)	ASH Plans is a licensed, specialized health care service plan that has entered into an agreement with Blue Shield of California to arrange for the delivery of chiropractic services.
ASH Participating Provider	A chiropractor under contract with ASH Plans to provide Covered Services to Members.
Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders	Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders are conditions with signs and symptoms related to the nervous, muscular, and/or skeletal systems. Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders are conditions typically categorized as: structural, degenerative, or inflammatory disorders; or biomechanical dysfunction of the joints of the body and/or related components of the muscle or skeletal systems (muscles, tendons, fascia, nerves, ligaments/capsules, discs and synovial structures) and related manifestations or conditions. Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders include Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorders, Musculoskeletal Functional Disorders and subluxation.

Please be sure to retain this document. It is not a contract but is a part of your EOC.