

Chiropractic Coding & Compliance Alert

Reader Question: Crack Down Your Covered Chiropractic Services

Question: What are the covered chiropractic services under Medicare?

Florida Subscriber

Answer: Spinal manipulation is a covered service under Medicare. Acute, chronic, and maintenance adjustments are all "covered" services, but only acute and chronic services are considered active care and, therefore, may be reimbursable. When further clinical improvement cannot reasonably be expected from continuous ongoing care, and the chiropractic treatment moves from corrective to supportive in nature, the treatment is then considered maintenance therapy.