



# Chiropractic Rider Plan 10/30

The benefits described in this Rider are provided through an agreement between Anthem Blue Cross and American Specialty Health Plans of California (ASH Plans). The services listed below are covered only if provided by an ASH Plans Chiropractor. These benefits are provided in addition to the benefits described in the Anthem Blue Cross HMO Evidence of Coverage (EOC) document. However, when expenses are incurred for treatment received from an ASH Plans Chiropractor, no other benefits other than the benefits described in this Rider will be paid.

Covered Services	Member's Copayment
Office Visit	\$10/visit
<b>Maximum Benefits</b>	
Office Visits to a Chiropractor	30 visits per calendar year
Chiropractic appliances	\$50 per calendar year

## Covered Services

**Chiropractor Services.** Member has up to 30 visits per calendar year for chiropractor care services that are determined by ASH Plans to be medically/clinically necessary. All visits to an ASH Plans chiropractor will be applied towards the maximum number of visits in a calendar year. The ASH Plans chiropractor is responsible for submitting a treatment plan to ASH Plans for prior approval.

Covered services include:

- An initial new patient exam by an ASH Plans chiropractor to determine the appropriateness of chiropractic services.
- Follow-up office visits as set forth in a treatment plan approved by ASH Plans and provided by an ASH Plans chiropractor.
- An established patient exam performed by an ASH Plans chiropractor to assess the need to continue, extend or change a treatment plan approved by ASH Plans.
- Adjunctive physiotherapy modalities and procedures as set forth in a treatment plan approved by ASH Plans and provided by ASH Plans chiropractor.
- Radiological x-rays and laboratory tests when prescribed by an ASH Plans chiropractor and approved by ASH Plans. Covered services include radiological consultations when determined by ASH Plans to be medically/clinically necessary and provided by a licensed chiropractic radiologist, medical radiologist, radiology group or hospital which has contracted with ASH Plans to provide those services.
- Chiropractic Appliances. Up to \$50 per calendar year when prescribed by an ASH Plans chiropractor and approved by ASH Plans. Covered chiropractic appliances are limited to:
  - elbow supports, back supports (thoracic), lumbar braces and supports, rib supports, or wrist supports;
  - cervical collars or cervical pillows;
  - ankle braces, knee braces, or wrist braces;
  - heel lifts;
  - hot or cold packs;
  - lumbar cushions;
  - rib belts or orthotics; and
  - home traction units for treatment of the cervical or lumbar regions.

# Chiropractic Rider Exclusions & Limitations

**Care Not Approved:** Any services provided by an ASH Plans chiropractor that are not approved by ASH Plans, except as specified as covered in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC). An ASH Plans chiropractor is responsible for submitting a treatment plan to ASH Plans for prior approval.

**Care Not Covered:** In addition to any service or supply specifically excluded in the EOC, no benefits will be provided for chiropractic services or supplies in connection with:

- Diagnostic scanning, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computerized axial tomography (CAT) scans.
- Thermography.
- Hypnotherapy.
- Behavior training
- Sleep therapy
- Weight programs.
- Any non-medical program or service.
- Pre-employment exams, any chiropractic services required by an employer that are not medically/clinically necessary, or vocational rehabilitation.
- Services and/or treatments which are not documented as medically/clinically necessary.
- Massage therapy.
- Any service or supply for the exam and/or treatment by an ASH Plans chiropractor for conditions other than those related to neuromusculoskeletal disorders.
- Transportation costs including local ambulance charges.
- Education programs, non-medical self-care or self-help, or any self-help physical exercise training or any related diagnostic testing.
- Hospitalization, surgical procedures, anesthesia, manipulation under anesthesia, proctology, colonic irrigation, injections and injection services, or other related services.
- All auxiliary aids and services, including, but not limited to, interpreters, transcription services; written materials, telecommunications devices, telephone handset amplifiers, television decoders and telephone compatible with hearing aids;
- Adjunctive therapy not associated with spinal, muscle or joint manipulation.

- Laboratory and diagnostic x-ray studies, except as specified as covered in the EOC.

**Non-ASH Plans Chiropractors:** Services and supplies provided by a chiropractor who does not have an agreement with ASH Plans to provide covered services under this plan.

**Work Related:** Care for health problems that are work-related if such health problems are covered by workers' compensation, an employer's liability law or similar law. We will provide care for a work-related health problem, but we have the right to be paid back for that care as described in the EOC.

**Government Treatment:** Any services actually given to the member by a local, state or federal government agency, except when this plan's benefits, must be provided by law. We will not cover payment for these services if the member is not required to pay for them or they are given to the member for free.

**Drugs:** Prescription drugs or medicines, including a non-legend or proprietary medicine or medication not requiring a prescription.

**Supplements:** Vitamins, minerals, dietary and nutritional supplements or other similar products, and any herbal supplements.

**Air Conditioners:** Air purifiers, air conditioners, humidifiers, supplies or any other similar devices or appliances. All appliances or durable medical equipment, except as specified as covered in the EOC.

**Personal Items:** Any supplies for comfort, hygiene or beauty purposes, including therapeutic mattresses.

**Out-Of-Area and Emergency Care:** Out-of-area care is not covered under this Chiropractic Care benefit, except for emergency services. The member should follow the procedures specified by their Anthem Blue Cross HMO plan to obtain emergency or out-of-area care.

## Third Party Liability

Anthem Blue Cross is entitled to reimbursement of benefits paid if the member recovers damages from a legally liable third party.

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