



Please SUPPORT HB 2702:
Allowing chiropractors to deliver care to adult Medicaid patients.

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Background: Chiropractors are eligible providers, but are limited to Apple Health for children (age 20 and younger). Washington Apple Health is the public health insurance program for eligible Washington residents. Washington Apple Health is also the name used in Washington State for Medicaid, the children's health insurance program (CHIP), and state-only funded health care programs. Washington Apple Health is administered by the Washington State Health Care Authority.

In accordance with WAC 182-531-1050, Manipulative Therapy and evaluation and management (E&M) services are covered services for adult Medicaid recipients, but only when provided by an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW or a naturopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW, and then only when it meets the criteria prescribed in the rule. Adult Medicaid covers 10 manipulations per client, per calendar year. Rehabilitation services are not covered by naturopaths or osteopaths.

Proposed Legislation: HB 2702 includes the following language in RCW 74.09:

Effective January 1, 2021, the authority shall require provider payment for manipulative therapy and associated evaluation and management services provided to enrollees by a chiropractor licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW to the same extent and under the same conditions that payment is available for osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 18.57 and naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW.

Limitations: The Health Care Authority projects that the fiscal impacts to the state to include chiropractors into this budget are as follows:

Chiropractor Proviso Language (For the Health Care Authority)

(x) Sufficient funds are provided for chiropractic care for adults with spinal pain diagnoses effective January 1, 2021. By September 15, 2022, the authority shall report to the governor and relevant committees of the legislature the cost of chiropractic care for adults with spinal pain diagnoses and avoided costs of other spinal pain treatments. The report must also include recommendations for other treatments for spinal pain, including cost, and potential avoided cost associated with recommended treatments.

Fiscal Impact - Four year = \$42,792,500 (\$11,610,000 GFS / \$31,182,500 GFF) Assumes a January 2021 start date. FY 2021 is a partial year.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total 4-year
GF-State	\$ -	\$ 2,322,000	\$ 4,644,000	\$ 4,644,000	\$ 11,610,000
GF-Federal	\$ -	\$ 6,236,500	\$ 12,473,000	\$ 12,473,000	\$ 31,182,500
Total	\$ -	\$ 8,558,500	\$ 17,117,000	\$ 17,117,000	\$ 42,792,500