

Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Saskatchewan Ministry of Health

Extended Health Benefits
Information Bulletin
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CHIROPRACTOR SERVICES:

The following program change was announced during the March 22nd Budget Speech:

Effective July 1, 2017: Chiropractor services will no longer be a benefit for individuals with coverage under Supplementary Health Benefits, Family Health Benefits and for seniors who receive Senior's Income Plan. These individuals will be responsible for the cost of chiropractor services effective July 1, 2017. For more information, contact Supplementary Health at 306-787-3124 or 1-800-266-0695.

What is changing with Chiropractic Services?

Effective July 1, 2017, chiropractic services will no longer be a benefit through the Supplementary Health Program (SHB - adults and children), Family Health Benefits Program (FHB - adults and children) or the Senior's Income Plan (SIP). As a result, individuals with SHB, FHB or SIP will be responsible for the cost of these services.

When is this change happening?

This change is effective July 1, 2017. The last day individuals with SHB, FHB or SIP will have coverage for chiropractic services will be June 30, 2017.

I didn't realize I was eligible for Chiropractic Services. Can I be reimbursed for previous treatments that I received before July 1, 2017?

No. Chiropractic services are submitted on-line by the chiropractor's office. You may wish to discuss this issue with your chiropractor.

I do not receive Supplementary Health Benefits, Family Health Benefits or Senior's Income Plan. Would I be eligible for Chiropractic Services between March 22 and July 1, 2017?

No. Individuals who are nominated by the Ministry of Social Services to receive income supplements are eligible for chiropractor services through Supplementary Health Benefits (SHB), Family Health Benefits (FHB) or Senior's Income Plan (SIP) until June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, 2017, individuals with SHB, FHB or SIP will be responsible for the cost of these services.

If I am not able to get an appointment with my chiropractor until after July 1, 2017, will the service be covered?

No. Effective July 1, 2017, individuals with SHB, FHB or SIP will be responsible for the cost of these services. Chiropractic services will be covered until June 30, 2017.

How many chiropractic services would I be eligible to receive before July 1, 2017?

Depending on your treatment plan with your chiropractor, an individual receiving Supplementary Health Benefits, Family Health Benefits or Senior's Income Plan is eligible for up to 12 treatments per year.

I am on Supplementary Health Benefits, Family Health Benefits and receive Senior's Income Plan and cannot afford the cost of chiropractor treatments and do not have/cannot afford private insurance. What can I do?

Individuals may discuss treatment options with their physician or healthcare provider.

Are chiropractic services covered by private insurance?

Individuals are encouraged to contact their private insurer or group benefits administrator directly to see if chiropractic services are a benefit under their policy.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information, contact Supplementary Health at 306-787-3124 or 1-800-266-0695.