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Subject: Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan coverage for chiropractic services		Reference: Schedule of Chiropractic Benefits

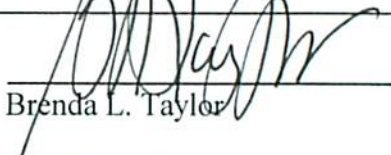
To: all chiropractors

Effective July 1, 2009, there will no longer be coverage of chiropractic services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan. This decision was announced on April 7, 2009, by the Minister of Finance and Enterprise as part of the 2009/2010 provincial budget.

Alberta Health and Wellness will cover chiropractic services provided to eligible Albertans for dates of service prior to July 1, 2009, and process claims as usual. Services provided on or after July 1, 2009, will not be covered.

To be considered for payment, claims from practitioners must be received at Alberta Health and Wellness within 180 days from the date the service was provided. Resubmitted claims must be received within 180 days from the date of the last Statement of Assessment on which the previous claim appeared.

Although coverage of chiropractic services is ending, there is no change in the process of providing practitioner identification numbers (PRAC IDs) for chiropractors. Chiropractors will continue to be registered with Alberta Health and Wellness and will continue to be able to use their PRAC IDs for referring patients to medical specialists, including radiologists.

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