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WORKERS' COMPENSATION CHECKLIST

FOR CHIROPRACTORS

Do you have patients with work-related pain or injuries? As a chiropractor, you don't necessarily need to know the ins and outs of the workers' compensation process—but there are some steps you can take to help your patients get the treatment they need.



Understand the qualifications of workers' compensation benefits.

Your patients may qualify for workers' compensation benefits if they have ailments resulting from accidents, repetitive stress, or even psychological trauma due to workplace events or activities.

If you think the pain may be work-related, write the diagnosis into the patient's medical record and indicate the work activity/incident was a substantial contributing factor in the diagnosis. Also, encourage your patient to report the injury to their employer as soon as possible.



Know the covered treatments.

According to Minnesota's Administrative Rules, part [5221.6040](#) subpart 10, all treatments must be medically necessary. If treatment is reasonable and necessary, workers' compensation benefits will cover 12 weeks of initial treatment.

In some cases, additional treatment is necessary. If the workers' compensation carrier ceases payment under the treatment parameters, your patient may qualify for a departure from the parameters.



Provide notice to the insurer when departing from treatment parameters.

If treatment goes beyond what the treatment parameters specify, you must notify the insurer either orally or in writing. Your notice must contain the diagnosis, basis for departure, estimated length of treatment, and anticipated results.



Refer patients to a trusted attorney.

Navigating workers' compensation can be complex, but it's an important part of your patients' treatment and recovery.

That's where Schroeder & Mandel comes in. You focus on the recovery, while we handle the legal side. All you have to do is refer your patients to Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury Attorney Gabe Johnson.



Get an experienced attorney on your side.

As a chiropractor, you want the best for your patients. Unfortunately, many patients cease treatment once insurance stops covering the bill.

An experienced workers' compensation attorney can help you negotiate with insurance companies on your behalf so that you can get paid, and your patients can make the best possible recovery.

Chiropractors who are not paid or are underpaid can file a Motion to Intervene to become formally involved in their patient's workers' compensation case.

Contact our team to get started.