

Insurance questionnaire-Massage

Below is a list of questions to ask your insurance provider. These questions are tailored to Massage treatments. A separate benefits inquiry should be made for each service (acupuncture, massage, naturopathy). With these answers you should have a good estimate of your insurance coverage.

Bolded terms can be found in the glossary on the following pages.

Name of Representative:
Is the provider in network with my plan? Yes \square No \square
Does the plan run on a calendar year \square or a plan year \square ?
How many visits per year?
 Have any of these visits been used?
• Is this a hard □ or soft □ maximum ?
What is my cost share ?
• What is the Copay ? \$
What is the Coinsurance? \$
What is the Deductible? \$
What is the Out-of-Pocket Maximum? \$
Is pre-authorization required? Yes \square No \square
What is the call reference/tracking number?

Glossary of terms

Allowed Amount: The sum of all maximum allowables for a specific treatment.

Billed amount: The amount Queen Anne Natural Health bills an insurance for a specific CPT code

Calendar year: 365 days starting on January 1st and ending December 31st

Call Reference/Tracking Number: a unique number used to track each individual phone-call or conversation. These are used to look back at phone-call in cases where incorrect or incomplete information was provided.

Coinsurance: A variable charge based on a percentage of the maximum allowable for all CPT codes used

Copay: A flat charge per visit, determined by the medical plan

Cost Share: a catch all term for the patient's financial responsibility: refers to Copay, Coinsurance and deductible

CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) codes. AKA Diagnosis codes. A set of 5-digit codes used to identify exactly what medical procedure is being billed.

Deductible: The amount (across all services) that a patient is expected to pay before their insurance activates. Prior to a deductible being met the patient will be responsible for the full allowed amount of all visits

Evaluation and Management: the part of the visit where the provider reviews medical history, creates treatments plans and offers medical advice. When billed alongside another service (such as acupuncture) may be subject to a different cost share. Note: Evaluation and management codes are legally required when specific conditions are met

Hard maximum: The maximum number of treatments is firm and will NOT be expanded

Maximum Allowable: The repayment value of a specific CPT code. This is determined by insurance providers.

Network: Insurance companies cultivate a limited pool of approved providers that can treat their patients. This list often varies plan by plan. Services with an out of network provider may be covered at a different rate.

Out-of-Pocket Maximum: The maximum amount of money a patient is expected to pay in a year. Once this is met the insurance should cover treatments in full

Plan: A specific set of benefits. Insurance providers will offer dozens or hundreds of different plans that vary in: services covered, cost and providers in network.

Plan year: 365 days starting and ending on a day determined by a medical plan

Pre-Authorization: Approval, from your insurance provider, required prior to treatment. The process of getting pre-authorization will vary plan to plan and may be a simple as putting in the request as a patient or as complicated as having your primary care provider submit a formal request backed up with medical records.

Prescription: A request by an outside provider for treatment: Prescriptions are very specific and will include the specific provider being referred to specific codes to be used as well as the duration of treatment.

Provider: A medical professional

Referral: A request by an outside provider for treatment. A referral is often generic and can be offered to any relevant provider without specifying the duration or methods of treatment

Representative: the individual you are speaking with over the phone

Soft maximum: The maximum number of treatments can be expanded if certain conditions are met

Visits: Treatments