

Matrix for health care provider types *

	Attending physician status (primarily responsible for treatment of a worker's injury)	Provide compensable medical services for initial injury or illness	Authorize payment of time loss (temporary disability) and release the worker to work	Establish impairment findings (permanent disability)	Provide compensable medical services for aggravation of injury or illness
Type A attending physician Medical doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy Oral and maxillo-facial surgeon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Type B attending physician Chiropractor Naturopathic Physician Podiatrist Physician Assistant	Yes, for a total of 60 consecutive days or 18 visits, from the date of the initial visit on the initial claim with any Type B attending physician.	Yes, unless the total of 60 consecutive days or 18 visits from the date of the initial visit on the initial claim with any Type B attending physician has passed. Or, if authorized by an attending physician and under a treatment plan.	Yes, 30 days from the date of the first visit with any type B attending physician on the initial claim, if within the specified 18 visit period.	No	No Unless authorized by attending physician and under a written treatment plan (Note: physician assistants are not required to have a written treatment plan)
Emergency Room Physicians	No, if the physician refers the worker to a primary care physician	Yes	ER physicians may authorize time loss for up to 14 days only, including retroactive authorization	No if worker referred to a primary care physician	Yes
Authorized nurse practitioner	No	Yes, for 90 consecutive days from the date of the first visit to any authorized nurse practitioner on the initial claim. Or if authorized by attending physician.	Yes, for 60 days from the date of the first visit on the initial claim.	No	No Unless authorized by the attending physician
Other Health Care Providers e.g. acupuncturists	No	Yes, for 30 consecutive days or 12 visits from the date of injury or occupational disease. Thereafter, services must be provided under a treatment plan and authorized by the attending physician.	No	No	No, unless referred by the attending physician and under a written treatment plan

* This matrix does not apply to Managed Care Organizations