



Scope

This policy applies to all University of Western States (UWS) health center chiropractic clinicians who are responsible for re-evaluation documentation.

Purpose

This policy provides guidance regarding the performance and documentation of periodic patient re-evaluations. It is based on applicable state laws, statutes, and regulations. By complying with this re-evaluation policy, the university affirms medical necessity documentation, maintains compliance with various third-party and government regulations, and assesses if the patient's treatment goals are being met.

Definitions

- **Evaluation and Management (E/M):** The components that make up the E/M procedure include a medically appropriate patient history and physical exam, and the level of medical decision making (MDM) and/or time.

Policy

UWS health center clinicians appropriately and formally re-evaluate patients actively engaged in an ongoing episode of chiropractic care. Intervals between re-evaluations should not exceed 12 visits or 6 weeks, depending on the patient's current condition.

These services are coded with the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E/M) code for established patients, according to the E/M documentation guidelines.

Formal re-evaluations include the following:

- Subjective Progress (ex: reduction in pain, compliance)
- Objective Progress (ex: structural exam, notation of lesions, ROM, functional improvement)
- Progress toward treatment goals
- Additional treatment required to reach treatment goals
- Discharge plans and date, if appropriate

Reference Documents:

Oregon Chiropractic Practices and Utilization Guidelines ([OCPUG Full doc 05-19-20-22.pdf](#)).

Related Policies: [Policy 1409 Compliant Treatment Plans-Chiropractic](#)