



Plan Certificate



Complementary Care Rider



.....

An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

HAWAII MEDICAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION
Complementary Care Rider

I. ELIGIBILITY

This Rider describes the benefits included in the Guide to Benefits. Your coverage under this Rider starts and ends on the same dates as your medical plan coverage.

For eligibility, benefit, or claim questions, call ASH Group's Customer Service at **1-888-981-2746** Monday through Friday between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturday, between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time. Hours adjusted during Daylight Savings Time: Monday through Friday 2 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

II. PROVISIONS OF THE MEDICAL PLAN APPLICABLE

All definitions, provisions, limitations, exclusions, and conditions of HMSA's Guide to Benefits shall apply to this Rider, except as specifically modified in this Rider.

III. DEFINITIONS

When used in this Rider:

(1) **"ASH Group"** means American Specialty Health Group, Inc. which has been contracted by HMSA to administer the benefits under this Rider.

(2) **"Acupuncture Services"** are services provided or made available to a Member by a Provider for the treatment or diagnosis of Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders, Nausea and Pain. Acupuncture is the stimulation of a certain point on or near the surface of the body by the insertion and removal of single-use, sterilized, disposable needles and/or electrical stimulation (electro-Acupuncture) to normalize physiological functions, to prevent or modify the perception of Pain, or to treat Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders, Nausea, or conditions that include Pain as a primary symptom. In addition, it may include such services as adjunctive physiotherapy modalities and procedures provided during the same Course of Treatment and in support of Acupuncture Services.

(3) **"Chiropractic Services"** are services provided or made available to a Member by a Chiropractor for treatment or diagnosis of Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders and Pain Syndromes. Chiropractic Services are limited to the management of Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders and Pain Syndromes primarily through chiropractic manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue. This includes: (1) differential diagnostic examinations and related diagnostic x-rays and radiological consultations when used to determine the appropriateness of Chiropractic Services; and (2) the follow-up office visits that must include during the Course of Treatment the provision of chiropractic manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue. In addition, it may include such services as adjunctive physiotherapy modalities and procedures provided during the Course of Treatment and in support of chiropractic manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue.

(4) **"Chiropractor"** means a chiropractor who is duly licensed to practice chiropractic services in the state or jurisdictions in which Chiropractic Services are provided.

(5) **"Continuity of Care"** means that if you are in the course of treatment with a Participating Provider, should that provider end his or her participation in this plan, you may continue seeing that provider and receive participating benefits for a period of time until your documented treatment plan is concluded or you may be safely transferred to another Participating Provider. At such time, if you choose to continue receiving covered services from the provider, participating coverage is available only when the provider agrees to abide by the ASH Group requirements and fee schedule.

(6) **"Course of Treatment"** means a sequence or series of office visits directly related to a diagnosed disease state, illness, or injury and provided in conjunction with a defined clinical outcome.

(7) **"Established Patient"** means someone who has received professional services from the provider, or another

provider of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice, within the past three years.

(8) **"Massage Therapy Services"** are services provided by a Provider for treatment of Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorders, Musculoskeletal Functional Disorders, Pain Syndromes, and/or lymphedema through physical actions, primarily by hand, performed on the body. This may include techniques such as compression, stroking, joint movement, friction, vibration, and percussion.

(9) **"Member Payments"** means charges (such as copayments) that are the direct financial responsibility of the Member and are payable directly to the provider for the provision of certain Covered Services as set forth in Section IV. Schedule of Benefits of this Rider. Member Payments may be collected by a provider (Participating or Nonparticipating) at the time services are provided or subsequently billed to the Member.

(10) **"Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders"** means conditions with signs and symptoms related to the nervous, muscular, and/or skeletal systems. Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders are conditions typically categorized as: structural, degenerative, or inflammatory disorders; or biomechanical dysfunction of the joints of the body and/or related components of the muscle or skeletal systems (muscles, tendons, fascia, nerves, ligaments/capsules, discs, and synovial structures) and related manifestations or conditions. Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders include Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorders, Musculoskeletal Functional Disorders, and subluxation.

(11) **"Musculoskeletal Functional Disorders"** means disorders that are abnormal functions and/or activities-of-daily-living limitations of the body resulting from muscle stiffness, muscle restriction, and/or range of motion limitations.

(12) **"Myofascial Disorders"** means conditions with associated signs and symptoms related to the muscular and surrounding connective tissues. Myofascial Disorders are conditions typically categorized as structural, spasms, or inflammatory disorders or dysfunction of the muscles of the body.

(13) **"Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorders"** means conditions with signs and symptoms that relate to the muscular and related systems. Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorders are conditions that are typically categorized as structural, spasms, or inflammatory disorders or dysfunction of the muscles of the body, and/or related components of the motor unit (muscles, tendons, fascia, ligaments/capsules, discs, and synovial structures), and related manifestations or conditions.

(14) **"Nausea"** means an unpleasant sensation in the abdominal region associated with the desire to vomit that may be appropriately treated by a Provider of Acupuncture Services in accordance with professionally recognized, valid, evidence-based standards of practice and includes adult post-operative nausea and vomiting, chemotherapy nausea and vomiting, and nausea of pregnancy.

(15) **"New Patient"** means that a patient has not received any professional services from the provider, or another provider of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice, within the past three years.

(16) **"Nonparticipating Provider"** means a provider who has not entered into an agreement with **ASH Group** to provide Covered Services to Members.

(17) **"Pain"** means the sensation of hurting or strong discomfort in some part of the body caused by an injury, illness, disease, functional disorder, or condition that may be appropriately treated in accordance with professionally recognized, valid, evidence-based standards of practice.

(18) **"Pain Syndrome"** means acute or chronic Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders including Myofascial/Musculoskeletal Disorder, or Musculoskeletal Functional Disorder, in which the primary symptom consists of sensations of hurting or strong discomfort in some part of the body caused by an injury, illness, disease, functional disorder, or condition that may be appropriately treated by a Chiropractor.

(19) **“Participating Provider”** means a provider who has entered into an agreement with ASH Group to provide Covered Services to Members. Providers who are employees, independent contractors or owners of Professional Corporations or Group Practices who have not been accepted and credentialed to participate in ASH Group are not considered to be Participating Providers. A directory of participating providers is available at hmsa.com.

(20) **“Supports and Appliances”** means support-type devices prescribed by a Chiropractor. In order for Supports and Appliances to be covered, the Member must be receiving Chiropractic Services from a Chiropractor for Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders or Pain Syndrome and have the Supports and Appliances prescribed for that condition. See Section VI of this Rider for details.

IV. SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

(1) Copayments

(a) Participating Providers

1. \$15 per visit.
2. Copayments do not apply for x-rays and radiological consultations.

(b) Nonparticipating Providers

1. Services provided by a nonparticipating provider are not covered. You owe the entire charge.

(2) Benefit Maximum

(a) Participating Providers

1. No more than 20 visits per calendar year.

(3) **Chiropractic Services.** When authorized by ASH Group, benefits are available for adjunctive therapy at each office visit. If adjunctive therapy is provided without an adjustment, the adjunctive therapy will count as an office visit toward the Benefit Maximum. If an exam or re-exam is supplied without an adjustment, it will count as an office visit toward the Benefit Maximum. All Chiropractic Services except for the initial evaluation must be approved by ASH Group as medically necessary for treatment of either Musculoskeletal and Related Disorders or Pain Syndromes or both.

V. COVERED SERVICES

(1) CHIROPRACTIC COVERED SERVICES

(a) **A New Patient exam or an Established Patient exam** for the initial evaluation of a patient with a new condition or new episode to determine the appropriateness of Chiropractic Services.

(b) **Established patient exams as needed to assess the need to initiate, continue, extend, or change a Course of Treatment.** The Established patient exam is only covered when used to determine the appropriateness of Chiropractic Services.

(c) **Follow-up office visits** include manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue, a reevaluation, and/or other services, in various combinations.

(d) **Adjunctive modalities and procedures** such as rehabilitative exercise, traction, ultrasound, electrical muscle stimulation, and other therapies covered only when provided during the same Course of Treatment and in support of chiropractic manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue.

(e) X-rays and radiological consultations

1. When provided by or referred by a participating provider to another participating provider, services are payable in full.

2. Services provided by a nonparticipating provider are not covered. You owe the entire charge.

VI. LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

(1) GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

(a) Services or supplies provided by a nonparticipating provider.

(b) Acupuncture Services.

(c) Massage Therapy Services and Supplies.

(d) BlueCard program.

(e) Services provided in excess of any Benefit Maximum.

(f) Any service or supply that is not permitted by state law with respect to the practitioner's scope of practice.

(g) Any services provided for elective or maintenance care (e.g., services provided to a Member whose treatment records indicate he or she has reached maximum therapeutic benefit).

(h) Hospitalization, surgical procedures, anesthesia, manipulation under anesthesia, proctology, colonic irrigation, injections and injection services, or other related services.

(i) Hypnotherapy, behavior training, sleep therapy, and weight problems.

(j) Thermography, magnets used for diagnostic or therapeutic use, ion cord devices, manipulation or adjustments of the joints, physical therapy services, iridology, hormone replacements products, acupuncture point or trigger-point injections (including injectable substances), laser/laser biostimulation, colorpuncture, NAET diagnosis and/or treatment, and direct moxibustion.

(k) Education programs, non-medical lifestyle or self-help, or self-help physical training or any related diagnostic testing.

(l) Services or treatments for pre-employment physicals or vocational rehabilitation.

(m) Any services or treatments for conditions caused by or arising out of the course of employment or covered under Worker's Compensation or similar laws.

(n) Air conditioners /purifiers, therapeutic mattresses, supplies, or any other similar devices or appliances.

(o) Auxiliary aids and services, including but not limited to, interpreters, transcription services, written materials, telecommunications devices, telephone handset amplifiers, television decoders, and telephones compatible with hearing aids.

(p) Any services provided by a person who is a Family Member. Family Member means a person who is related to the covered person in any of the following ways: spouse, domestic partner, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, parent (including stepparent), brother or sister (including stepbrother or stepsister), or child (including legally adopted, step, or foster child). A Family Member also includes individuals who normally live in the covered person's household

(q) Dietary and nutritional supplements, including vitamins, minerals, herbs, herbals and herbal products, injectable supplements and injection services, or other similar products.

(r) Transportation costs, including local ambulance charges.

(2) CHIROPRACTIC EXCLUSIONS

(a) Chiropractic supports and appliances.

(b) Magnetic resonance imaging, CAT scans, bone scans, nuclear radiology, therapeutic radiology and any diagnostic radiology other than covered plain film studies.

(c) Adjunctive physiotherapy modalities and procedures unless provided during the same Course of Treatment and in support of chiropractic manipulation of the spine, joints, and/or musculoskeletal soft tissue.

VII. FILING CLAIMS

(1) **For services you receive from a provider who does not file claims for you, follow the below steps to receive reimbursement for Covered Services. There is no submission timeframe for commercial non-participating providers. For Medicare not-participating providers, the claim must be filed 365 days from the date-of-service.**

(a) Complete a separate claim form for each provider of service. You can obtain a claim form on ASHLink.com under the Resources tab.

(b) Provide all of the following information on the claim form (your treating provider can help you get this information):

1. Itemized date(s) of service.
2. Diagnosis code.
3. Procedure code.
4. Billed charge per service.
5. Provider's name and credentials.
6. Provider's full address.
7. Provider's tax ID, employer identification number or Social Security number.
8. National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

(c) Attach the itemized bill from the provider of service with a claim form.

- (d) Send the claim form and bill to:
American Specialty Health Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 509077
San Diego, CA 92150

VIII. UTILIZATION REVIEW

(1) **For Covered Services you receive from a Participating Provider**, utilization review requirements are the responsibility of your provider, not you.

(2) **ASH Group will respond within one week of receipt of the completed form.** Notification of the clinical decision will be mailed or faxed directly to the provider and will include the name and phone contact information of the peer-clinician who rendered the decision. Services provided during the review period will be reimbursed if they are determined to be medically necessary and approved by ASH Group.

IX. EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS (EOB)

ASH Group notifies you of any financial responsibilities you have (other than Copayments) in a document called the Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is not a bill, but rather, communicates important information about services you receive including the total amount charged, the allowed amount, the amount covered by ASH Group, and the amount that you pay.

Serving you

Meet with knowledgeable, experienced health plan advisers. We'll answer questions about your health plan, give you general health and well-being information, and more. Hours of operation may change. Please go to hmsa.com/contact before your visit.

HMSA Center in Honolulu

818 Keeaumoku St.

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. | Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

HMSA Center in Pearl City

Pearl City Gateway | 1132 Kuala St., Suite 400

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

HMSA Center in Hilo

Waiakea Center | 303A E. Makaala St.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

HMSA Center in Kahului

Puunene Shopping Center | 70 Hookele St.

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

HMSA Center in Lihue

Kuhio Medical Center | 3-3295 Kuhio Highway, Suite 202

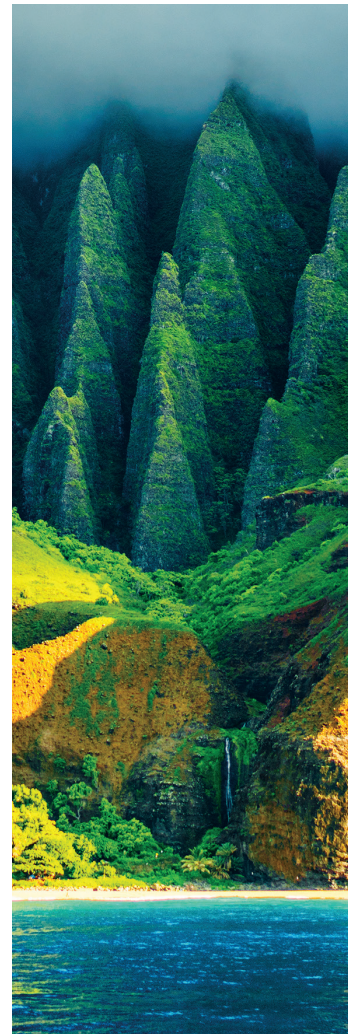
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Contact HMSA. We're here with you.

Call (808) 948-6111 or 1 (800) 776-4672.

hmsa.com

     [@hmsahawaii](https://www.instagram.com/hmsahawaii)



Together, we improve the lives of our members and the health of Hawaii.
Caring for our families, friends, and neighbors is our privilege.

