



TWO HANDS CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE, LLC

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Medicare* Coverage at Two Hands Chiropractic & Acupuncture

PURPOSE:

To explain Medicare coverage as it applies to our office.

WHY:

Unfortunately, Medicare often gives incorrect information about what is covered at our office which often leads to frustration and distrust between the potential patient and us.

(Yes, it happens so much that we had to make a form!)

The information below will give you specifics of coverage and website links for where you can find that information on Medicare's website.

MEDICARE COVERAGE AT OUR OFFICE:

The doctors here at Two Hands are Chiropractic Physicians. Medicare will only cover medically necessary Chiropractic Spinal Adjustments when administered by us. Medicare does NOT cover acupuncture, exams, soft tissue work, exercises, physical therapy, or chiropractic adjustments on the extremities (arms/legs/shoulders/hips/ankles/feet/hands/wrists) when administered by us. This doesn't mean that Medicare will not cover these services when administered by other providers.

(<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/chiropractic-services>)

WHY IS ACUPUNCTURE A NON-COVERED SERVICE AT OUR OFFICE?

Medicare requires providers of acupuncture to have 2 things in order to be considered a covered service. First, the provider must be able to legally practice acupuncture. Second, the provider must have a Master's or Doctoral degree in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine. At Two Hands our doctors meet only one of the two requirements. As Chiropractic Physicians with Acupuncture Certification we can (and do!) legally practice acupuncture in Illinois. We do not have Master's or Doctoral level degrees in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine. Therefore Medicare doesn't cover acupuncture when performed at Two Hands.

(<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/acupuncture>)

WHY AREN'T EXAMS COVERED AT OUR OFFICE?

Good question! This has been a legal/political struggle for many years. Medicare recognizes the fact that you need an exam prior to treatment but they have decided not to pay for them. Exams are how the doctors decide if you will benefit from care, which treatment is best for you and also to monitor your progress and adjust treatment plans accordingly. Exams are a key part of keeping you safe and healthy. If you agree that exams (performed by your chiropractor) should be a covered Medicare service you can make your voice heard here:

<https://www.votervoice.net/ACA/Campaigns/83950/Respond>

(<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/chiropractic-services>)

****This form is referring to Medicare Part B coverage***