



Dr. Darryl Roundy & Associates

Thank you for choosing **Atlas Family Chiropractic**. We are committed to providing you with the best possible care and we are pleased to discuss our professional fees with you at any time. Your clear understanding of all of our policies is important to our professional relationship. The following is a statement of our policies. We require that you read, agree to, and sign prior to any treatment:

To all of our new patients

After completing the questionnaire forms, the doctor will have a consultation with you to determine whether or not you can be helped by chiropractic care.

The doctor will perform a thorough examination to determine the extent of your problem. Suggestions will then be made as to whether x-rays will be necessary and what course of therapy to follow.

On your following visit, the doctor will make further suggestions in reference to your treatment plan after they have had an opportunity to review your case.

When a patient seeks chiropractic health care and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both the doctor and the patient to be working towards the same objective.

Chiropractic has only one goal. It is important that each patient understand both the objective and the method that will be used to attain it. This will prevent any confusion or disappointment.

Adjustment: An adjustment is the specific application of forces to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxation. Our chiropractic method of correction is by specific adjustments of the spine.

Health: A state of optimal physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Vertebral Subluxation: A misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column, which causes alteration of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's innate ability to express its maximum health potential.

We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or condition other than vertebral subluxation. However, if during the course of a chiropractic spinal examination, we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, we will advise you. If you desire advice, diagnoses or treatment for those findings, we will recommend that you seek the services of a health care provider who specializes in that area.

Regardless of what the disease is called, we do not offer to treat it, nor do we offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by others. OUR ONLY PRACTICE OBJECTIVE is to eliminate a major interference to the expression of the body's innate wisdom. Our only method is specific adjusting to correct vertebral subluxations.

I, _____ have read and fully understand the above statements. All questions regarding the doctor's objectives pertaining to my care in this office have been answered to my complete satisfaction. I therefore accept chiropractic care on this basis.

Signature:

Date:



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FINANCIAL POLICY

Payment is expected at the time services are rendered. We accept cash, check, debit card, Visa/ MasterCard and Discover.

Insurance: If your insurance offers chiropractic coverage, we will be happy to bill your insurance directly. If we are contracted with your insurance company then we are obligated by our contract to only submit claims to them. **If we have not been successful in collecting from your insurance company after 120 days we will then bill you for the amount pending and it is your responsibility to collect from your insurance company.** You will be responsible for any amount that your insurance plan does not cover. If you have filed a claim under your personal injury protection (PIP), **you** are responsible for any outstanding balances on your account. Co-payments and/or coinsurance balances are due at the time of service unless we are contracted with your insurance company and it is otherwise stated. Insurance coverage is a contract between you and your insurance company; we file insurance claims as a courtesy to our patients. **Medicare patients** - please discuss your coverage and our policy with our office staff prior to being seen by the doctor.

Non-covered services: If insured, your insurance covers chiropractic care that is curative, reasonable and necessary. By definition, they can interpret that some ongoing care is not under that category and may be denied, either during the course of care, or upon paper review or audit. **They may consider it to be maintenance, preventive, or purely wellness care, which is not a covered service.** If insurance denies payment or seeks reimbursement from us for ongoing visits deemed to be a non-covered service by the reasons listed above, the patient is responsible for payment of services. The patient accepts the responsibility to pay for treatment that is deemed a non-covered service by their insurance.

Account balances: Interest at the rate of 1% per month will be added to all balances over 30 days. If you have been in a motor vehicle accident and have a claim pending and/or an attorney and you have a balance that is accruing interest, you are responsible for that interest each month, you will be billed. If we are not receiving payment from an insurance company on a regular basis you will be expected to make a monthly payment toward that account that can be reimbursed to you at time of settlement. A lien will be filed on all accounts that have an outstanding balance pending settlement. Agency fees will be added to all accounts that are turned over for collections. There will be a \$30 service charge for returned or N.S.F. checks.

Appointments: If you are unable to make a scheduled chiropractic appointment, a phone call to reschedule or cancel your appointment is required. If you do not show up for an appointment and do not call to cancel your appointment, it will be to the doctor's discretion as to whether or not he/she will continue to treat you. If you are late for your scheduled visit, we will do our best to fit you in as soon as possible.

For massage therapy, we require 24-hour notice for any cancellation or appointment needing to be rescheduled. Last minute cancellations or no-shows will result in a \$50.00 non-refundable fee that will not be billed to insurance and will need to be paid in full prior to any treatment received at our office. If you show up to your appointment late, you will be responsible for the full amount of the massage time scheduled (i.e. if you show up 20-minutes late for a 1-hour massage, you are responsible for the full 1-hour charge even though the full hour can not be performed); if you are using insurance for massage benefits, we can only bill your insurance for the amount of time massage is performed; the amount of time you were late will have to be paid at the time of service and can not be billed to your insurance.

Record Copies: You have the right to review your personal health care records. Fees for copying your personal health information/records are set by state regulators annually (WAC 246-08-400). The fees are a \$23 clerical fee plus \$1.02 per page for the 1st 30 pages and \$0.78 per page thereafter plus tax.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Notice of Medicare Coverage for Chiropractic Care

Your Medicare coverage of chiropractic care is limited. It does not pay for all services. It will only pay for your chiropractic adjustment (manipulative treatment) when it meets Medicare's specific rules. There are three categories of Medicare services: 1) non-covered 2) always-covered, and 3) perhaps-covered.

NON-COVERED SERVICES

According to existing Medicare law, most of the services in our office are NON-COVERED. Hopefully, the U.S. Congress will change that someday and treat Doctors of Chiropractic like all other doctors. Until then, here is a summary:

Examples of Non-Covered Services

All Services Other than Chiropractic Adjustments:

- Office Visits - to evaluate and manage, re-evaluate, advise, or give counsel regarding your health.
- Physiotherapy - such as massage, traction, electrical stimulation, neuromuscular re-education, etc.
- X-rays, Laboratory, Supplies, Vitamins, etc.

Various Chiropractic Adjustments or Treatments:

- Non-spinal manipulation to the shoulder, arm, leg, etc.
- Maintenance Care - you are stable and not making any more improvement.
- Wellness Care - to promote better health.

ALWAYS-COVERED SERVICES

A Medicare COVERED service is for when you are injured or when you are in pain due to a bad spinal condition. Medicare pays for your rehabilitation as long as you are improving. This phase of care is call "active treatment." It will be shown on your Medicare claim form and payment reports with your service code. For example, "98940-AT."

PERHAPS-COVERED SERVICES

Your Chiropractic Adjustment must be clinically needed to correct a problem of the spine, according to Medicare rules. If Medicare determines that your condition is not "Medically Necessary" they will not pay. When we know or believe that your chiropractic adjustment is no longer covered, we will discuss this matter with you. We will also give you a Medicare form known as the Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) which will show your financial obligation for continued care.

MY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I have received the above Medicare information. I understand that I am personally **financially responsible** for all services not covered by Medicare. I am also responsible for applicable annual deductibles or copayments.

X _____ Date
Signature of patient or person acting on patient's behalf

MY AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the **release** of any medical or other information necessary to process my claims. I also **request** payment of government or private benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment. This is a permanent authorization that I may revoke at any time by written notice.

X _____ Date
Signature of patient or person acting on patient's behalf



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Authorizations and Releases

Patient Health Information and Privacy Policy

This policy outlines the way Patient Health Information (PHI) will be used in this office and the patient's rights concerning those records. You must read and consent to this policy before receiving services. A complete copy of the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is available here:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SecurityStandard/Downloads/securityproposedrule.pdf>

1. The patient understands and agrees to allow this office to use their PHI for the purpose of treatment, payment, health care operations and coordination of care. The patient agrees to allow this office to submit requested PHI to the payor(s) named by the patient for the purpose of payment. This office will limit the release of all PHI to the minimum necessary to receive payment.
2. The patient has the right to examine and obtain a copy of their health records at any time and request corrections. The patient may request to know what disclosures have been made, and submit in writing any further restrictions on the use of their PHI. This office is not obligated to agree to those restrictions.
3. The patient's written consent shall remain in effect for as long as the patient receives care at this office, regardless of the passage of time, unless the patient provides written notice to revoke their consent. A revocation of consent will not apply to any prior care or services.
4. This office is committed to protecting your PHI and meeting its HIPAA obligations: Staff have been trained in the area of patient record privacy and a privacy official has been designated to enforce those procedures.
5. Patients have the right to file a formal complaint with our privacy official about any suspected violations.
6. This office has the right to refuse treatment if the patient does not accept the terms of this policy.

Initial _____

Consent to Professional Treatment

The patient certifies that all information provided to this office is true and correct, to the best of their knowledge. The patient grants their consent to this office and its staff to render treatment as deemed necessary by the attending physician. If the patient is a minor child, under the age of eighteen (18) at the date of treatment, I hereby stipulate that I am the legal guardian of the child, and grant my consent for the treatment of the child as provided for herein. The patient may refuse treatment at any time.

Initial _____

Consent to Perform and Interpret X-rays

The patient consents to the performance of x-rays as deemed necessary by the attending physician of this office. The patient acknowledges that certain risks are associated with x-rays. The patient, hereby states that they have no known limitations that would forbid the taking of x-rays. The patient further agrees that this office may seek outside interpretation of patient x-rays by a qualified professional not employed by this office. The patient agrees to any additional fees associated with this service and assigns benefits to be paid directly to that professional by your third-party payor.

Initial _____

Assignment of Benefits and Release of Records

The patient hereby assigns benefits to be paid directly to this provider by all of their third party payors. This assignment is irrevocable. Failure to fulfill this obligation will be considered a breach of contract between the patient and this office. The patient authorizes this office to release any information required by a third party payor necessary for reimbursement of charges incurred.

Initial _____

Financial Obligation and Appointment Policy

The patient accepts full financial responsibility for services rendered by this practice. This office reserves the right to charge fair market value for missed appointments or appointments cancelled without any advanced notification required by this office. Payment in full is required for all services at the time of visit, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed to in advance. Patient accepts full responsibility for any fees incurred, including but not limited to legal fees, collection agency fees, and any and all other expenses incurred in the collection of past due accounts. Patient should direct any questions regarding this financial obligation and appointment policy to the clinic manager or physician. The patient further authorizes the practice to retain credit card, debit card, checking account or other payment source(s) supplied by patient to the practice for current and future charges, when incurred.

Initial _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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Consent for Purposes of Treatment, Payment & Healthcare Operations (3/03)

In this document, "I" and "my" refer to the patient.

I consent to the use or disclosure of my protected health information by Atlas Family Chiropractic, for the purpose of analyzing, diagnosing or providing treatment to me, obtaining payment for my health care bills or to conduct health care operations of the clinic/practice. I understand that analysis, diagnosis or treatment of me by Atlas Family Chiropractic may be conditioned upon my consent as evidenced by my signature below.

I understand I have the right to request a restriction as to how my protected health information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations of the practice. Atlas Family Chiropractic is not required to agree to the restrictions that I may request. However, if Atlas Family Chiropractic agrees to a restriction that I request, the restriction is binding on Atlas Family Chiropractic. I have the right to revoke this consent, in writing, at any time, except to the extent that Atlas Family Chiropractic has taken action in reliance on this Consent.

My "protected health information" means health information, including my demographic information, collected from me and created or received by my physician, another health care provider, a health plan, my employer or a health care clearinghouse. This protected health information relates to my past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and identifies me, or there is a reasonable basis to believe the information may identify me.

I have been provided with a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices of Atlas Family Chiropractic and understand that I have a right that Notice's Notice of Privacy Practices prior to signing this document. The Notice of Privacy Practices describes the types of uses and disclosures of my protected health information that will occur in my treatment, payment of my bills or in the performance of health care operations of Atlas Family Chiropractic. The Notice of Privacy Practices for Atlas Family Chiropractic is also posted in the waiting room at 2310 Mildred St. W. Suite 130, University Place, WA 98466 and on the clinic website at http://atlaschiro.com/privacy_policy/. This Notice of Privacy Practices also describes my rights and duties of Atlas Family Chiropractic with respect to my protected health information.

Atlas Family Chiropractic reserves the right to change the privacy practices that are described in the Notice of Privacy Practices. I may obtain a revised notice of privacy practices by calling the office of Atlas Family Chiropractic and requesting a revised copy be sent in the mail or asking for one at the time of my next appointment.

Signature of Patient or Personal Representative

Printed Name of Patient

Date of Signing

Description of Personal Representative's Authority



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(PLEASE PRINT) - All information will be strictly confidential.

Patient's Name (First, MI, Last)		Birth Date	Age	Sex M F	Marital Status M S W D DP
Residence Address	City	State	Zip	Home Phone ()	
Patient E-mail Address	If Child, Parent Or Guardian's Name		Height	Weight	
Name Of Employer	Address (with city, state and zip)		Business Phone ()		
Occupation	Patient's Social Security Number - -		Mobile Phone ()		
Emergency Contact	Relationship To Patient		Phone ()		
Whom May We Thank For Referring You To Our Office?			Phone ()		
Do You Have Medical Insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If No, How Do You Intend To Pay? <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card		Insurance Company Name, Address and Phone Number		
Subscriber's Name	Subscriber's ID Number		Group No.	Is It Through Your Employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name Of Spouse			Subscriber's Birth Date		
Medicare No.					
<p>CONSENT TO TREAT A MINOR: <i>I hereby authorize Atlas Family Chiropractic PS and whomever they designate as assistants to administer care to my</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> son <input type="checkbox"/> daughter <input type="checkbox"/> grandson <input type="checkbox"/> granddaughter <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>(Name of Child) _____ Dated at (city) _____ (state) _____</p> <p>(Date signed) _____ (Signature) _____ (Witness) _____</p> <p>PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE. <i>I authorize request of any medical information necessary to process this claim and request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below.</i></p>					
Signed _____			Date _____		

Specializing in Atlas Orthogonal, Chiropractic Pediatrics and Extremity Care

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