

Workers' Compensation Attending Physician Status

Provider Type	Attending physician status (primarily responsible for treatment of a patient)	Provide compensable medical services for initial injury or illness	Authorize payment of time loss (temporary disability) and release the patient to work	Establish impairment findings (permanent disability)	Provide compensable medical services for aggravation of injury or illness	Must review educational materials and certify with director of DCBS to provide services
Medical Doctor (MD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Oral and Maxillio-facial surgeon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Emergency room physicians	No, if the physician refers the patient to a primary care physician	Yes	An ER physician who is not authorized to serve as attending physician under ORS 656.005(12)(c) may authorize time loss for up to 14 days, including retroactive authorization.	No, if patient referred to a primary care physician	Yes	No

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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.	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.	Yes
Chiropractic Physician	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.	Yes, if chiropractic physician is the attending physician	No, unless authorized by attending physician and under a written treatment plan.	Yes
Naturopathic Physician	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.	Yes

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Nurse Practitioner	No	Yes, for 180 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 180 days from the date of the first visit to any authorized nurse practitioner on the initial claim.	No	No, unless authorized by the attending physician	Yes
Other health care providers (e.g. acupuncturists)	No	Yes, for 30 consecutive days or 12 visits from the date of the first visit on the initial claim with any "Other Health Care Providers." 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	No

Note: The designations "Type A" and "Type B" refer to the statutory limitations provided under ORS 656.005(12) (a) and (b). Type A providers have unlimited authority; Type B providers have limitations

Scope of Practice and Licensing Requirements - Attending Physicians and Authorized Nurse Practitioners

Provider Type	Education/Degree	General Length	Continuing Education	Licensed by	Scope of Practice
Medical Doctor (MD)	Bachelor's degree	4 years	60 hours per two years	Oregon Medical Board	A doctor of medicine (allopathic) is a trained physician licensed to practice medicine, prescribe medications, perform surgery, and utilize any of a number of recognized modalities of therapy in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, illness, injury, and physical conditions. Medical doctors utilize knowledge gained in the western tradition of scientific study, observation, and experimentation, including anatomy, cellular biology, chemistry, and other areas. In Oregon, an MD's scope of practice also includes the practice of acupuncture.
	Doctorate of Medicine Degree (MD)	4 years			
	Complete Residency Program and become Specialty Board Certified, e.g. in Family Medicine or Orthopaedic Surgery	3 to 5 years			
Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon	Bachelor's degree	4 years	60 hours per two years	Oregon Medical Board	An oral and maxillofacial surgeon is a doctor of medicine (allopathic) and as such is a trained physician licensed to practice medicine, prescribe medications, perform surgery, and utilize any of a number of recognized modalities of therapy in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, illness, injury, and physical conditions. Medical doctors utilize knowledge gained in the western tradition of scientific study, observation, and experimentation, including anatomy, cellular biology, chemistry, and other areas. Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons specialize in oral and maxillofacial surgery. In Oregon, an MD's scope of practice also includes the practice of acupuncture.
	Doctorate of Dental Medicine Degree (DMD)	4 years			
	Graduate Program Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (MD)	6 years			
Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)	Bachelor's degree	4 years	60 hours per two years	Oregon Medical Board	A doctor of medicine (osteopathic) is a trained physician licensed to practice medicine, prescribe medications, perform surgery, and utilize any of a number of recognized modalities of therapy in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, illness, injury, and physical conditions, including the use of manipulative therapy. Osteopathic medicine emphasizes the relationship between the body's nerves, muscles, bones, and organs. The osteopathic philosophy of treating the whole person is applied to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of illness, disease, and injury. In Oregon, a DO's scope of practice also includes the practice of acupuncture.
	Doctorate of Medicine Degree (MD)	4 years			
	Complete Residency Program and become Specialty Board Certified, e.g. in Family Physician or Orthopedic Surgery	3 to 5 years			
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	Bachelor's degree	4 years	60 hours per two years	Oregon Medical Board	A podiatric physician is trained to diagnose and perform medical, physical or surgical treatments related strictly to ailments of the human foot.
	Podiatric Medicine Degree (DPM)	4 years			
	Complete Residency Program and become Specialty Board Certified, e.g. in Family Medicine or Orthopaedic Surgery	3 years			
Physician Assistant	Bachelor's degree	4 years	60 hours per two years	Oregon Medical Board	A physician assistant provides medical services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician. Within the physician/PA relationship, physician assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision-making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. The clinical role of physician assistants includes primary and specialty care in medical and surgical practice settings in both urban and rural areas.
	Physician assistant	2 years			

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Chiropractic Physician	Undergraduate education	2 to 4	20 hours per year	Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners	"Chiropractic" is defined as: That system of adjusting with the hands the articulations of the bony framework of the human body, and the employment and practice of physiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy and minor surgery. The chiropractic diagnosis, treatment and prevention of body dysfunction; correction, maintenance of the structural and functional integrity of the neuro-musculoskeletal system and the effects thereof or interferences therewith by the utilization of all recognized and accepted chiropractic diagnostic procedures and the employment of all rational therapeutic measures as taught in approved chiropractic colleges.
	Doctor of Chiropractic Degree	4 years			
	Post-graduate studies to become diplomat in specialties such as Occupational health or Orthopedics	300 to 400 hours			
Naturopathic Physician	Bachelor's degree	4 years	40 hours per year. 45 hours per year starting Jan. 1, 2012. At least 10 of these in pharmacology	Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine	Naturopathic Physicians (N.D.) are primary care practitioners trained as specialist in natural medicine. They are educated in conventional medical sciences, but are not orthodox medical doctors (allopathic physicians, or M.D.). A Naturopathic Physician has a Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine degree from a four-year graduate level naturopathic medical college with admission requirements comparable to those of conventional medical schools. In addition to the standard medical curriculum, naturopathic students must do extensive coursework and clinical study in natural therapeutics.
	Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine degree	4 years			
Nurse Practitioner	Associate or baccalaureate degree in nursing	2 to 4 years	50 hours per year	Oregon State Board of Nursing	The nurse practitioner provides holistic health care to individuals, families, and groups across the life span in a variety of settings. Within his or her specialty, the nurse practitioner is responsible for managing health problems encountered by patients and is accountable for health outcomes. The nurse practitioner is independently responsible and accountable for continues and comprehensive management of a broad range of health care. the nurse practitioner is responsible for recognizing limits of knowledge and experience and for resolving situations beyond his/her nurse practitioner expertise by consulting with or referring patients to other health care providers.
	Master's degree in nursing	2 years			
	Nurse practitioner program	1 year			
Other health care providers (e.g. acupuncturists)	varies by occupation		Varies	Varies	Other