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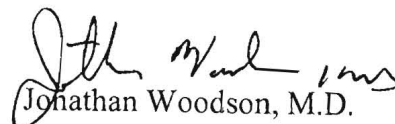
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
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SUBJECT: Expansion of the Chiropractic Program

Chiropractic services may now be added at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) that do not offer the service, subject to Military Department approval procedures and available funding. This change recognizes several requests from MTFs to add chiropractic services and the incorporation of chiropractic care in various pain management programs. Each Military Department shall establish its own policy for their MTFs to request approval to add chiropractic services or to transfer chiropractic authorizations to other MTFs.

All changes to the chiropractic locations and the number of assigned chiropractors at an MTF must be reported to the Chief, Policy and Benefits Branch, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA). Chiropractic care remains available only to Active Duty Service members; this change does not expand eligibility for any other beneficiary category. No private sector chiropractic services are authorized. Chiropractic services cannot be discontinued at an MTF without TMA approval.

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