

PHYSICAL RESTORATION

“Physical restoration services” means those services which are necessary to correct or substantially modify, within a reasonable period of time, a physical condition which is stable or slowly progressive. These services may include:

1. Medical or corrective surgical treatment to correct or substantially modify a physical condition which is stable or slowly progressive and constitutes a substantial impediment to employment.
2. Hospitalization (either inpatient or outpatient care) in connection with surgery or treatment and clinic services.
3. Dentistry
4. Drugs and supplies
5. Prosthetic, orthotic, or other assistive devices essential to obtaining or retaining employment
6. Eyeglasses and visual services
7. Podiatry
8. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, speech and hearing services
9. Chiropractic
10. Medical or medically related social work services
11. Treatment of either acute or chronic medical complications and emergencies which are associated with or arise out of the provision of rehabilitation services; or are inherent in the condition under treatment.
12. Special services for treatment of consumers suffering from end stage renal disease, including transplants, dialysis, artificial kidneys, and supplies.

General Considerations:

1. Physical restoration services are subject to financial needs testing.
2. All comparable benefits must be considered prior to providing physical restoration services.
3. The Department will not pay for sex change operations.
4. Transplants or implant procedures which are experimental or which do not have a consistent record of significant improvement in vocational functioning in better than 50% of the subjects shall not be provided by the Department.

Physical services may be authorized to out-of-state vendors under the following circumstances:

1. In geographical areas routinely used for the convenience of the consumer; or
2. When it will be economically beneficial to the Department; or
3. If a particular procedure or mode of treatment is not available in state. The schedule of payment shall be governed by the rates established by the vocational rehabilitation agency in the state where services are to be provided.

The Central Office Program Administrator in charge of fee schedules must be contacted concerning provision of out of state services.

Medical Consultation

The Department has access to a medical consultant whose services may be used in the following manner:

1. The medical consultant may review medical data to determine the existence of disability as it relates to determination of eligibility.
2. The medical consultant may be used to assist the Department in determining an acceptable fee for medical services not clearly delineated in the established fee schedule.
3. The medical consultant may be used to determine the medical prognosis of clients with progressive conditions that may affect the outcome of the rehabilitation program.
4. The medical consultant may assist the counselors in interpreting medical information and in assessing impediments to employment.

To request medical consultation, contact the Field Administrator.