

MEDICAL SPECIALTY GUIDE

Specialty	Allowed Conditions (These conditions are not all inclusive)
1. Allergy	contact dermatitis; eczema; latex allergy; potential poisoning/toxic effect of industrial chemicals
2. Anesthesiology	chronic pain; reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD)
3. Cardiology, (Internal Medicine may be alternative)	angina pectoris; arteriosclerosis; congestive heart failure; coronary artery disease; firefighters or police officer's cardiovascular disease; hypertension; myocardial infarction; peripheral artery or venous disease (excluding brain)
4. Chiropractic	musculoskeletal disorders, neuritis, bulging disc, subluxation, degenerative disc disease (DDD)
5. Dental (Otolaryngology may be alternative)	fractured tooth; TMJ disorders; peridontitis; oral infections; tooth trauma; trauma/disorders of the mandible
6. Dermatology	Abscess; allergic dermatitis; burns; cellulitis; contact dermatitis; eczema;
7. Gastroenterology	gastrointestinal cancers; gastrointestinal diseases; liver diseases including hepatitis; pancreatic conditions

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8. General Surgery (Gastroenterology may be alternative)	burns; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); compartmental syndrome; decubitus; gastrointestinal diseases; hernia; keloid; lacerations; phlebitis; varicose veins; crush injuries
9. Hand Surgery	burns or fractures of forearms, hands and wrists; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); neuritis; neurovascular injury; tendonitis; reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD)
10. Hematology/Oncology	occupational anemia; occupational cancer; including mesothelioma; blood disease
11. Infectious Diseases, (Internal Medicine may be alternative)	occupational infectious diseases; occupational exposures to infectious disease agents from the work place
12. Internal Medicine (See the Appropriate Specialty As Indicated)	anemia; arteriosclerosis; arthritis; asthma; bacteria; blood diseases; burns; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD/emphysema); congestive heart failure; coronary artery disease; diabetes; headaches; hypertension; lead or carbon monoxide poisoning; liver & spleen disease; lymphadenopathy; myocardial infarction; neurogenic bladder neurogenic bowel; occupational respiratory diseases (asthma, fire fighters, or police officer's pulmonary or respiratory disease, silicosis, berylliosis, asbestosis, pneumoconiosis); any other occupational disease of the respiratory tract resulting from injurious exposure to dust; paraplegia; peripheral artery or venous disease; phlebitis; quadriplegia; renal failure; renal genitourinary infections; septicemia; ulcer - peptic, gastric, duodenal

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13. Nephrology (Urologist may be alternative)	neurogenic bladder; occupational - toxic exposures; renal failure; renal, genitourinary infection; renal, genitourinary trauma
14. Neurology (Neurosurgeon may be alternative)	bulging disc; cephalgia; chronic pain; HNP with radiculopathy; musculoskeletal conditions, neuritis, organic brain disorder-toxic exposure; organic brain injury, post-concussive syndrome; seizure disorder; spinal cord/peripheral nerve injury; thoracic outlet syndrome; traumatic brain injury, stroke, concussion
15. Neurosurgery (PMR, Neurology, and Orthopaedic Spine may be alternative)	bulging disc; cephalgia; chronic pain; HNP with radiculopathy; musculoskeletal conditions, neuritis, organic brain disorder-toxic exposure; organic brain injury, post-concussive syndrome; seizure disorder; spinal cord/peripheral nerve injury; thoracic outlet syndrome; traumatic brain injury, stroke, concussion
16. Occupational Medicine	burns; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); contact dermatitis; contusions, lacerations, abrasion, musculoskeletal injuries including sprains, strains, ruptures, tears of muscles, tendons, ligaments; toxic effects secondary to industrial chemicals
17. Ophthalmology	conjunctivitis; corneal abrasions; eye injuries; foreign body, traumatic cataract; photokeratitis

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18. Orthopaedic/Orthopaedic Surgery	amputations; bulging disc; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); chondromalacia; compartmental syndrome; crush injuries; degenerative disc disease (DDD); degenerative joint disease (DJD); dislocations; fractures; herniated nucleus pulposus (HNP); musculoskeletal conditions; osteoarthritis; ruptures including muscles, tendons, ligaments; spinal cord./peripheral nerve conditions; spondylolisthesis; sprains; strains; tears; thoracic outlet syndrome
19. Otolaryngology	allergic rhinitis; ear, nose and throats disorders; hearing disorders; loss of hearing; trauma of head and neck
20. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Physiatrist)	bulging disc; burns; carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS); chronic pain; degenerative disc disease (DDD); degenerative joint disease (DJD); fibromyalgia; musculoskeletal conditions; myofascial pain; neuritis; osteoarthritis; post amputation; reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD); spinal cord/peripheral nerve conditions including quadriplegia, paraplegia, neurogenic bladder; stroke; traumatic brain injury
21. Plastic /Reconstructive Surgery	amputations; burns; contractures; facial disfigurement; facial fractures; hand/tendon injuries; lacerations; scars; hand fractures, crush injuries
22. Podiatry	Foot and ankle injuries/disorders

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23. Psychiatry	acquired psychologic diseases; anxiety; conversion reaction; chronic pain, delirium; depression; organic brain disorders-toxic exposures; organic brain injury; ; organic brain syndrome-traumatic or toxic; paranoia; post-concussive syndrome, post traumatic stress disorders (PTSD); psychosis; traumatic brain injury; schizophrenia; somatoform pain disorder any psychological disorder where medication has been prescribed to treat the condition
24. Psychology, Neuropsychology	acquired psychologic diseases; anxiety, conversion reaction; chronic pain, delirium; depression; organic brain disorders-toxic exposures; organic brain injury; ; organic brain syndrome-traumatic or toxic; paranoia; post-concussive syndrome, post traumatic stress disorders (PTSD); psychosis; traumatic brain injury; schizophrenia
25. Pulmonary, Internal Medicine	bronchiectasis; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD/emphysema); infectious diseases of the lung; occupational cancers of the lungs or thoracic cavity; occupational respiratory disease (asthma, fire fighters, silicosis, berylliosis, asbestosis, pneumoconiosis); occupational respiratory diseases toxic exposures; pneumothorax; tuberculosis (TB)
26. Rheumatology	arthritis; musculoskeletal conditions, not otherwise classified as an orthopedic injury; fibromyalgia; fibrositis
27. Thoracic Surgery/Vascular Surgery (General Surgery may be alternative)	chest injuries; coronary artery disease; crush injuries; fractured ribs; fractured sternum; occupational cancer of the chest cavity; pneumothorax; thoracic outlet syndrome; vascular disorders

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28. Toxicology (Occupational, Pulmonary & Hematology may be alternative)	poisoning/toxic effects of gases, fumes, vapor, metals; toxic effects secondary to industrial chemicals
29. Urological Surgery	hematuria; renal genitourinary infection; renal genitourinary trauma (including incontinence), neoplasms; neurogenic bladder

- Utilization of specialty examiners will vary in each service office depending on the availability of specialist in each geographic location. This should serve as a guide in selection of physician type for the allowed conditions.
- Selection of an alternate specialty should be based on allowed conditions in the claim, physician availability and scope of practice of the individual practitioner.
- Note that not all practitioners within a given specialty treat all conditions for that specialty and may not limit their practice to only that specialty.
- If questions, discuss with customer service office nurse or supervisor.