

Matrix for health care provider types*

	Attending physician status (primarily responsible for treatment of a patient)	Provides compensable medical services for initial injury or illness	Authorizes payment of temporary disability and releases the patient to work	Establishes impairment findings (permanent disability)	Provides compensable medical services for aggravation of injury or illness
Type A attending physician » Medical doctor » Doctor of osteopathic medicine » Oral and maxillofacial surgeon » Podiatric physician and surgeon » Physician associate** » Authorized nurse practitioner***	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Type B attending physician » Chiropractic physician » Naturopathic physician	Yes , for a total of 60 consecutive days or 18 visits from the date of the first 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 first 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 , unless the Type B attending physician is a chiropractic physician.	No , unless authorized by a Type A attending physician and under a written treatment plan.
Emergency room physician	No , if the physician refers the patient to a primary care physician.	Yes	Yes , an emergency room physician who is not authorized to serve as attending physician under ORS 656.005(12)(c) may authorize temporary disability for up to 14 days, including retroactive authorization.	No , if patient is referred to a primary care physician.	Yes
Other health care providers (for example, acupuncturist)	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 provider." After that, services must be provided under a treatment plan and authorized by the attending physician.	No	No	No , unless referred by a Type A attending physician and under a written treatment plan.

* This matrix does not apply to managed care organizations.

** Before providing any compensable medical service or authorizing temporary disability benefits under ORS 656.245, physician associates must certify to the Department of Consumer and Business Services director that they have reviewed a packet of informational material provided by the Workers' Compensation Division (WCD).

*** Before providing any compensable medical service or authorizing temporary disability benefits under ORS 656.245, a nurse practitioner must review a packet of informational materials provided by WCD and complete the statement of certification. Once completed, WCD will assign an authorized nurse practitioner number.