



New York State's *Expanded Provider Law* allows more types of medical providers to treat injured workers in the NYS workers' compensation system. Below is a chart showing the changes for new and current Workers' Compensation Board-authorized providers starting January 1, 2020.

## NEW AND CURRENT PROVIDERS: WHO CAN DO WHAT

Provider Type	New for Jan. 1, 2020	Treat	Initial C/R and diagnosis	Initial Disability	Ongoing Disability	Permanency	Depositions	*Pre-Auth & Variance Requests	IMEs
Physicians	Apply simultaneously to **CMS & WCB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chiropractors	Eliminate practice committee role in authorization	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Podiatrists	Eliminate practice committee role in authorization	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Psychologists	Eliminate practice committee role in authorization	YES physician referral not required	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physical Therapists	Become authorized	YES referral needed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Pre-Auth YES Variance NO	NO
Occupational Therapists	Become authorized	YES referral needed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Pre-Auth YES Variance NO	NO
Physician Assistants***	Become authorized	YES under physician supervision	YES under physician supervision	YES under physician supervision	YES	YES under physician supervision	Upon Board direction	YES under physician supervision	NO
Nurse Practitioners	Become authorized	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Licensed Clinical Social Workers	Become authorized	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Acupuncturists	Become authorized	YES referral needed	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	Pre-Auth YES Variance NO	NO

\*Attending Doctor's Request for Authorization and Insurer's Response (Form C-4 AUTH),  
Attending Doctor's Request for Approval of Variance and Insurer's Response (Form MG-2)

\*\*County Medical Society  
\*\*\*All PA services must be performed under physician supervision