

VICTORIAN WORKCOVER AUTHORITY (VWA) & REMEDIAL MASSAGE THERAPY SERVICES

ANTA and the VWA have signed an agreement to work together to ensure the provision of appropriate, outcome focused service to improve the function of injured workers, and assist in the restoration and improvement in return to work outcomes.

The agreement acknowledges ANTA members accredited in Remedial Therapy as service providers to the VWA.

The following criteria has been established as the minimum standard to be recognised by the VWA for all future Remedial Therapy service providers.

1. minimum qualification of Diploma (current ANTA requirement for Remedial Therapy)
2. current senior first aid certificate (current ANTA requirement)
3. current Malpractice Liability Insurance of at least \$ 1 million (current ANTA requirement)
4. disclose to ANTA any breaches of ethical conduct (current ANTA requirement)
5. disclose to ANTA any criminal convictions (current ANTA requirement)
6. agree to abide by the ANTA Code of Professional Conduct (current ANTA requirement)

The VWA has advised the payment of reasonable cost of Remedial Massage Services are subject to the satisfaction of the following:

- the service must be provided on the basis of a referral from a medical practitioner
- the service is directly related to the treatment of a work related injury
- each referral by a medical practitioner covers a maximum of 10 services. If no substantial progress has occurred after 4 treatments, the treating practitioner should consider stopping treatment. If improvement is occurring, a course of up to 10 treatments may be beneficial. A second course of 10 treatments may be useful for those employees where consistent improvement has been demonstrated, and maintained after the first course.
- continuation of service is subject to regular review of the service and patient's progress by the medical practitioner.
- the provider is appropriately qualified and approved by the VWA to provide the service
- the service is necessary and appropriate and
- the cost of the service is reasonable

Process for obtaining provider approval

Provide VWA with following:

1. written confirmation from ANTA of ANTA membership (obtainable from ANTA)
2. evidence of current Malpractice Liability Insurance of at least \$1 million
3. signed VWA registration form (registration form obtainable from VWA)

ANTA Members requiring any further information or assistance with the above should contact the helpful team in the ANTA National Administration Office.