

ADVISORY NO. 207

**TOPIC: PREAUTHORIZATION OF MANIPULATIONS
(TWCC ADVISORY 96-17)**

We are attaching a copy of the Commission Advisory 96-17 issued to clarify a dispute about manipulations. The Commission announces that manipulations are not part of a physical therapy or occupational therapy regime that requires preauthorization.

Accordingly, the Commission does not require preauthorization of chiropractic services. If a chiropractor requests preauthorization, it is because he or she is unaware of this interpretation. Where preauthorization is requested and refused, payment may not be denied on the basis of the lack of preauthorization. Rather, the charges for that treatment must be treated like any other medical bill for which preauthorization is not required. If it was necessary to cure and relieve the effects resulting from the injury, and otherwise meets the requirements for billing, and if the charges are in accordance with the Medical Fee Guidelines, the bill must be paid whether preauthorization was obtained or not.