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Dear members

The ChiroSuisse COVID-Task Force is currently focusing on the topics **protective gear, tariff question** and a **letter of information for your referring physicians on the indication of chiropractic treatment under ordinance law 2 Covid-19.**

Protective gear

This gear is in great demand by hospitals, clinics and other first responders. The available cantonal contingency is handed out according to a strict list. Unfortunately, we as chiropractors are not considered first responders. The response to an inquiry to Pascal Strupler, Director of FOPH, has attested us the need for protective gear when treating urgent care patients but the corresponding ordinance would need to be changed by the federal council. Accordingly, appropriate steps have been undertaken at this level. Only two cantons so far are giving out protective gear to chiropractors (BS, SH). The predominant answer that we get from the cantonal health departments is that we have to organize our own gear until all needs can be met.

As soon as the situation changes, we will inform you accordingly.

Tariff question

What positions can we use to bill for our telephone services?

6002, 6004 can be used. 6007 if the consultation lasts longer than 15 min. 6057 can be used if exercises were prescribed or shown. These positions can only be used in current patients. For new cases and old new cases this is not possible.

Letter to your referring physicians

Attached is a letter that you can send to the referring physicians to let them know which urgent patients you can still treat during this pandemic crisis. The idea is to let them know that you as a chiropractor are there to play an important role to reduce the stress on our health care system.