

2011 Specialist Physician Appointment Accessibility Standards

Initial Appointment

Type of Symptoms	Criteria	Appointment Examples
Emergent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 24 hours • office to office interaction or physician services intervention may be required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broken extremities • active GI bleed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active, Disabling Symptoms • Abnormal diagnostic testing results requiring urgent visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 1 week / 7 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pain/ H/A • edema • weakness • abnormal results i.e. mammogram, pathology report
Active, Non-Disabling Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 30 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rash • discomfort • unexplained weight loss
Symptoms Not Currently Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 45 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general evaluation of a condition

Follow Up Appointment

Type of Appointment	Criteria	Appointment Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of New Symptoms • Increase in Active/Disabling Symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 2-3 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intractable pain • Progressive weakness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active, Non Disabling Symptoms • Non-Active Symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within 30 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment failure or progression of symptoms • Therapeutic drug evaluation