

OHIO STATE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID PROCEEDS WITH ACUPUNCTURE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DC'S; OSCA RELEASES DETAILS

(COLUMBUS, OH) After a resubmission of earlier proposed Medicaid rule, the department is now proceeding forward with implementing reimbursement for Doctors of Chiropractic who perform acupuncture on their patients for a live effective date of January 1st, 2018. “This rule is a compilation of a lot of hard work from a lot of different individuals and groups,” said Nicholas Strata. “We applaud the department [ODM] for moving forward with this rule. Should people have specific questions on the rule they should reach out to Dr. Brandy Spaulding at the OSCA.”

Below are the details:

Coverage:

- Low back pain; or
- Migraines

Payment for more than thirty acupuncture visits per benefit year requires prior authorization

No separate payment is made for both an evaluation and management service and acupuncture service rendered by the same provider to the same individual on the same day

For more information on the rule click [here](#).

Acupuncture Procedure Codes and Payment Amount:

Procedure	Payment
97810 Acupuncture, one or more needles, without electrical stimulation, initial 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient.	\$25 per 15 minute increment
97811 Acupuncture, one or more needles, without electrical stimulation, <u>each additional 15 minute increment</u> of personal one- to-one contact with the patient, with reinsertion. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$17.50 per each additional 15 minute increment
97813 Acupuncture, one or more needles, with electrical stimulation, initial 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient.	\$31.15 per 15 minute increment
97814 Acupuncture, one or more needles, with electrical stimulation, <u>each additional 15 minute increment</u> of personal one-on- one contact with the patient, with reinsertion. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$23.65 per each additional 15 minute increment

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Acupuncture Services - Information for Medicaid Providers

Provider requirements, coverage, and payment information for acupuncture services can be found in the attached Ohio Administrative Code rule, which will be published on LAWriter (<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/5160>) when the rule becomes effective on January 1, 2018.

Practitioners will be able to enroll as Acupuncturists or another type of Medicaid provider with an acupuncture specialty (e.g., chiropractor with an acupuncture specialty, physician assistant with an acupuncture specialty) starting mid-December 2017.

If a practitioner wishes to enroll with Medicaid for the first time, the practitioner may enroll as a Medicaid provider following this link: <https://portal.ohmits.com/Public/Providers/Enrollment/tabId/44/Default.aspx>. Providers may also call: (800) 686-1516.

If the practitioner is already a Medicaid provider, the provider may request an acupuncture provider type specialty (023) by sending a written request along with supporting documentation to the following email address: Medicaid_provider_update@medicaid.ohio.gov (see provider requirements in the attached Ohio Administrative Code rule). Or, the provider may fax their request with the required supporting documentation to (614) 995-5904. To expedite the process, providers should write the following information in the subject line of their e-mail or fax: Requesting Addition of Acupuncture Specialty. This way, the request can be quickly routed to the proper personnel for processing.

Information regarding Medicaid's payment system (MITS) and submitting fee-for-service claims can be found at <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS.aspx>. You may also call Medicaid's Provider Hotline at (800) 686-1516. MITS training information is located online at: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/PROVIDERS/Training/BasicBilling.aspx>. We will also be developing training specifically for acupuncture services (date to be determined). If you would like to schedule a one-on-one billing consultation, you may make a request by e-mailing Ombudsmen_training@medicaid.ohio.gov.

Since most individuals covered by Medicaid are enrolled with a Medicaid managed care plan (MCP), practitioners will also need to reach out to each MCP to learn about their provider enrollment and claims submission processes. MCP contact information is as follows:

Medicaid OH Plan	Toll Free Provider Services Phone Number	OH website address
BUCKEYE	866-296-8731	http://www.buckeyehealthplan.com
CARESOURCE	800-488-0134	www.CareSource.com/
MOLINA	855 322-4079	www.molinahealthcare.com
UNTTEDHEALTHCARE	800-600-9007	www.uhccommunityplan.com
PARAMOUNT	1-888-891-2564	http://www.paramounthealthcare.com/
MyCare OH Plan	Toll Free Provider Services Phone Number	MyCare OH website address
AETNA	855-364-0974	www.aetnabetterhealth.com/ohio
BUCKEYE	866-296-8731	www.bchpohio.com

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CARESOURCE	800-488-0134	www.CareSource.com/MyCare
MOLINA	855 322-4079	www.molinahealthcare.com/duals
UNITEDHEALTHCARE	800-600-9007	www.Uhconnected.com/ohio

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