

HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

February 2020

Insurance and Coding Updates

Reminder - Dry Needle Codes:

Dry Needling now has its own code! Starting 1/1/2020, use the below code(s) when performing dry needling.

Introduction or Removal; Needle insertion(s) without injection(s);

20560: 1 or 2 muscles

20561: 3 or more muscles

If you have an acupuncture license and are performing timed codes 97810-97814 in conjunction with dry needling, you would not report the dry needling codes.

The OSCA is commonly asked if the Ohio DC scope of practice includes dry needling or if additional training and/or certification is required. The Ohio State Chiropractic Board has the following Q&A on its website regarding Dry Needling:

Q. I am a licensed chiropractic physician in the state of Ohio. Can I practice dry needling?

A. Yes, so long as you have earned the education, training and experience to competently and safely perform the procedure. You are not required to maintain any additional credential or license related to dry needling, but you must have earned the appropriate training and maintain competency to safely perform the procedure.

Acupuncture Updates for Medicaid: The OSCA sent in comments in support of a proposed Medicaid Rule that would add coverage of acupuncture services to treat the following conditions: (iii) cervical (neck) pain, (iv) osteoarthritis of the hip, (v) osteoarthritis of the knee; (vi) nausea or vomiting related to pregnancy or chemotherapy (only in an outpatient setting); and (vii) acute post-operative pain (only in an inpatient hospital setting). The OSCA believes that this is the right step forward, as we continually push for Chiropractic Services, including all the services permitted in scope in Ohio, to be reimbursed by Medicaid. If accepted, the department hopes that this rule will be implemented by July 1, 2020.

CareSource Update: The OSCA has been working with CareSource on two outstanding issues experienced by our members. CareSource has identified the operational errors leading to these issues and has announced a resolution date.

Mycare denial of CMT (98940-1) codes - Resolution date 04/21/2020

Thoracic X-ray (72070) denial - Resolution date 04/07/2020

Caresource intends to scrub their claims for services that were correctly billed by the

provider but denied due to the above errors. Those claims will automatically reprocess for payment by the above dates. If, 30 days following the above dates, you still have claims that have not been re-processed for payment, you should reach out to the OSCA or Caresource at that time.

You are not required to do anything else at this time, however, if you would like to reach out to Caresource between now and the resolution date regarding denials of the codes above, you can use the dispute and appeal process provided by Caresource.



Government Corner

House Bill 151: Yesterday, February 4th, 2020, the Ohio House Health Committee passed substitute House Bill 151 with a vote of 16-1. The bill, which creates the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program and addresses issues with current animal chiropractic law, will now move to the House floor for a full vote.



If enacted, this bill would:

- Creates the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program under which the Department of Health may repay a chiropractor's student loan if the chiropractor agrees to provide services for a specified period in a chiropractic health resource shortage area.
- Establishes the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Advisory Board and requires the Department to administer the program in cooperation with the Board.
- Defines "animal chiropractic practitioner" as a chiropractor that is certified by either the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association.
- Specifies that an animal chiropractic practitioner is not required to be supervised by a licensed veterinarian when providing animal chiropractic and establishes record

keeping requirements.

Acupuncture Updates for Medicare: The OSCA has been made aware that a Medicare rule to allow coverage for acupuncture for low back pain has left out Doctors of Chiropractic. While the ACA did submit comment during the 2nd comment period, CMS did not edit the rule to include chiropractors in those permitted to perform acupuncture, even though it is permitted in their scope.

While this news is far from ideal, **the ACA's bill would help remedy this issue.** H.R. 3654, otherwise known as the Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act, would allow Medicare beneficiaries access to the chiropractic profession's broad-based, non-drug approach to pain management. This bill was the focus of the ACA's Engage 2020, which was attended by Immediate Past President Dr. Jerrold Simon and Government Affairs Chair, Dr. Vince Brechbill. But you don't have to travel to DC to make an impact! To find out how you can help support this bill, [please click here!](#)

C-PAC: If House Bill 151, or any legislation that affects the chiropractic community, will impact you and your office, consider joining the 1895 club. For \$50/month, you will support the OSCA's efforts to ensure that chiropractic is moving forward and you can continue to practice how you want to practice. Please consider donating whatever you can to the OSCA's CPAC. We want to ensure that those at the Statehouse know that we aren't going anywhere. There are strength in numbers. **The more support we have, the more we can get done for the chiropractic profession!** [Click here to find out more!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



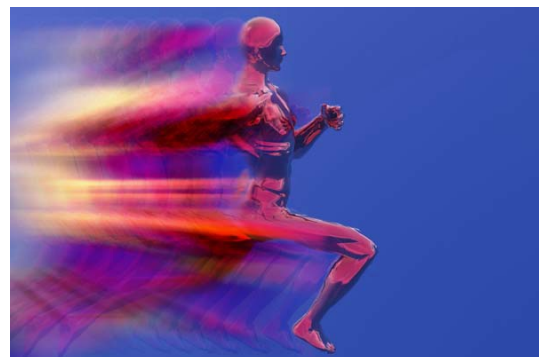
JUST ANNOUNCED: 2 NEW EVENTS!

March 14th - Dayton



Full Spine Low Tech Rehab: How to Implement, Document and Code with Confidence! Join Drs. Joe and Brandy Spaulding for a new kind of event! Not only will you get hands on to learn rehab, but how to bill/code it properly so you can use it the very next day! Earn 6 CEs at this

March 21st - Akron



LAST CHANCE EVENT - OSCA and District 5 Regional Seminar! Need those last minute hours? Come to Akron this March to earn 10 hours, including your required ethics/professionalism hours at this all day event, sponsored by District 5.

innovative event!

[Click here to register!](#)

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Other Great Events You Don't Want to Miss!

February 7th - Cincinnati



Dr. Jonathan Gose will be hosting Functional Rehabilitation for the Lumbar Spine on February 7th in Cincinnati! This 6-hour course will introduce the chiropractor to functional hands-on rehabilitation for the lumbar spine. The course will teach you how to properly evaluate patients and address their functional deficits using step-by-step protocols, thus allowing you to assess and prioritize your patient's rehab needs.

[Click here to register!](#)

February 13th - Columbus



The OSCA has partnered with Standard Process for the upcoming seminar: Foundation Formulas with Dr. John Bennett on Thursday, February 13th, from 8:30am-5:30pm at the Fairfield By Marriott Columbus/Polaris. This training course was developed to help health practitioners understand and communicate the vital role of supporting adaptive physiology for overall health. Early Bird Pricing ends on January 13th, so sign up soon to save!

[Click here to register online!](#)

February 18-22 - Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati



Join Dr. Ty Talcott for all your HIPAA Questions as he travels around Ohio from February 19th-22nd. 4 CE hours included! There will be a special webinar on February 6th so you can get a glimpse of what he will bring to Ohio!

[Click here to sign up for your city!](#)

March 7-8 - Columbus



Dr. Elise Hewitt will be in Columbus on March 7th and 8th with a 10-hour seminar called "Pediatrics for the Doctor of Chiropractic." Sponsored by NCMIC, this seminar will go over the history, examination and spinal adjusting techniques for the young pediatric patient.

[Click here to register!](#)

Preferred Affiliate Member Spotlight



ONLINE CHIRO

Preferred Affiliate member) now offers HIPAA Email and Secure Forms? With this new option, patients can feel confident that they are protected when they exchange information with your practice. Learn more about adding secure email and forms to your website [here](#).

The OSCA has been offering updates on how to be compliant with HIPAA. Did you know Online Chiro (*an OSCA*



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