

HEARTBEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

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Need-To-Know Insurance Updates

Licensed Massage Therapists in Your Chiropractic Office -

As a follow up to previous communications regarding the use of LMTs in your office, you must remember the following.

- LMTs are not considered "physician extenders" providing services under your Chiropractic License or NPI number.
- LMTs maintain their own license and provide services accordingly under the scope of their license.
- LMTs are eligible to apply for their own NPI.



If you choose to bill a massage service to an insurance company, regardless of the code you use, you must submit the service with the NPI of the LMT in the rendering provider field.

Many plans **DO NOT** cover massage services when provided by a LMT, so even if you bill it correctly as stated above, it would likely result in a denial as a "non-covered service."

However, choosing to bill the service provided by your LMT under the DCs NPI number is not an appropriate work-around to this limitation. This is considered billing fraud by insurance companies and the licensing board, as the service as rendered is not accurately represented in the service billed.

Although Medical Mutual has been the payer most aggressively auditing for this practice, this is not a "Medical Mutual issue". Any plan can audit for this and statute allows them to look back on claims for a two year window.

OSCA had advocated for a grace period, in which MMO would stop audits and forgo the 2 year recoupment window on massage services offered in this manner. As of June 1, 2019 and going forward, they will again look at claims utilization data related to massage therapy services. If you continue to offer massage therapy services provided by a LMT and use the DCs rendering provider information in box 24J, you not only put your own practice at risk, but also tarnish the profession for those whom are billing correctly.

The OSCA continues to advocate to third party payers for the improved coverage of chiropractic services and those services provided in a chiropractic office, including massage therapy. However, you must be in compliance with current policy if you choose to bill insurance. If you have any questions, or need help with making changes in your office, please reach out to the OSCA right away.

Government Corner



The State Budget - The Ohio Legislature must pass the biennial Ohio Budget by July 1st, 2019. This bill includes a variety of issues ranging from education to natural resource to even health and human services.

The OSCA has been made aware of a last-minute inclusion in the House that could impact certain chiropractic offices around the state. This addition states **all health care practioners are prohibited from contacting any party involved in a motor vehicle accident or crime until 30 days after the incident.** If passed, fines of \$5,000 to \$25,000 would be imposed on those who violate this rule. After 3 violations, the health care practioner

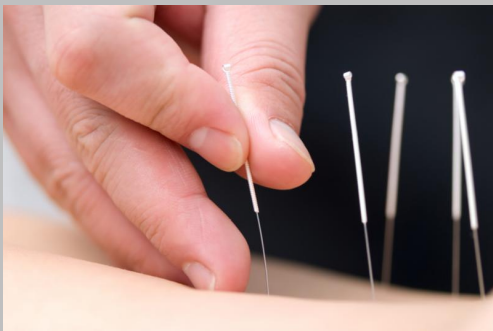
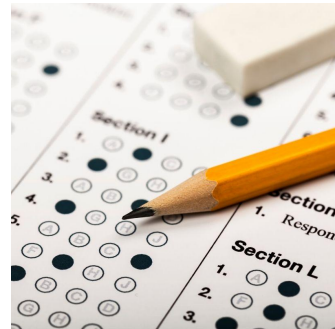
could face a license suspension without a prior hearing. While this does impact all health care practioners, we do feel best to notify our membership of this last-minute inclusion. The final version of this bill has not yet been passed, so if this section does make the final version, we will be sure to notify all OSCA members of this change. Please contact our office with any questions.

Chiropractic Acupuncture Diplomate Exam

The Diplomate on the American Board of Chiropractic Acupuncture yearly examination will be held on September 20th, 2019.

Registration begins at 8:30am and the test begins at 9:00am.

[Click here for more information on location and how to register for the test!](#)



Acupuncture License Renewal at Annual Convention!

We're happy to announce that we will be offering 12 CEs of acupuncture at this year's OSCA Annual Convention, November 1-3, 2019! This will fulfill the license renewal requirements for acupuncture in Ohio. Stay tuned for more details and registration!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER AND STAY INSIDE TO LEARN!
TUESDAYS AT 12:30 - ALL SUMMER LONG
STAY TUNED FOR MORE GREAT WEBINARS COMING LATER
THIS SUMMER!

June 25, 2019- The Fundamentals of Financial Well-Being With Rob Zirker

July 2, 2019- Medicare for Chiropractors Part 1 with Dr. Brandy Spaulding

July 9, 2019- Medicare for Chiropractors Part 2 with Dr. Brandy Spaulding



DACBSP PROGRAM

Rehabilitation of the Spine and Extremities
with Brendan Murray, DC, DACBSP

Saturday & Sunday, June 8th-9th - Cleveland, OH

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