

IDAHO MEDICAID POLICY: AMBULATORY PATIENT SERVICES

CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

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BACKGROUND

Idaho Medicaid regulations are similar to the regulations governing Medicare; chiropractic services are covered only when it is medically necessary to treat a subluxation condition of the spine. Idaho regulations limit chiropractic services to six visits per year which differs from the Medicare benefit.

POLICY

Idaho Medicaid covers chiropractic services with the following limitations:

- Idaho Medicaid reimburses for chiropractic services when it is medically necessary to treat a subluxation condition of the spine.
- The benefit is limited to a total of six (6) spinal manipulations during any calendar year for remedial chiropractic care.
- A claim with an injury-related diagnosis code must include the date the injury occurred, the location and cause of injury.

To demonstrate a subluxation based on physical examination, two of the following four criteria (one of which must be asymmetry/misalignment or range of motion abnormality) are required:

- Pain/tenderness evaluated in terms of location, quality, and intensity
- Asymmetry/misalignment identified on sectional or segmental level,
- Range of motion abnormality (changes in active, passive, and accessory joint movements resulting in an increase or decrease of sectional or segmental mobility), and
- Tissue, tone changes in characteristics of contiguous, or associated soft tissues, including skin, fascia, muscle, and ligament.

INVESTIGATIONAL AND NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY

N/A

GLOSSARY

Medically Necessary: A service which is reasonably calculated to prevent, diagnose, or treat conditions that endanger life, cause pain, or cause functionally significant deformity or

malfunction and there is no other equally effective course of treatment available or suitable which is more conservative or substantially less costly.

Subluxation: A motion segment, in which alignment, movement integrity, and/or physiological function of the spine are altered although contact between joint surfaces remains intact. A subluxation may be demonstrated by an x-ray or by a physical examination.

REFERENCES

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Social Security Act 1861(r) https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1861.htm#act-1861-r

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POLICY INTENT/RATIONALE

Chiropractic services are limited by both federal and state regulations. This policy defines how Idaho Medicaid will reimburse for chiropractic services within those federal and state regulations.

APPLICABLE SERVICES

Manual spinal manipulation to correct a subluxation condition is covered when the services are directly provided by a Licensed Chiropractor. The following CPT codes are covered.

Manual devices may be used by chiropractors in performing manual manipulation of the spine; however, no additional payment is available from Medicaid or the participant for use of the device.

CPT Code	Description
98940	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); spinal, 1 - 2 regions.
98941	CMT; spinal, 3 - 4 regions.
98942	CMT; spinal, 5 regions.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Participants who have a subluxation condition of the spine that have been diagnosed by x-ray or by physical exam are eligible to receive chiropractic services. Medicaid does not reimburse chiropractic providers for x-ray services.

QUALIFIED PROVIDERS

Idaho will only reimburse for the services of a Chiropractor who has a current license issued by the Idaho Board of Chiropractic Physicians. Services provided by assistants/aides/extensors are not covered.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

If the participant has received six chiropractic sessions, additional services may be prior authorized by the Department if:

- The participant continues to have a subluxation condition, and
- The participant requires treatment by means of manual manipulation of the spine to correct the subluxation, and
- The manipulative services have a direct therapeutic relationship to the participant's condition, and
- Provide reasonable expectation of recovery or improvement of function.

CONDITIONS – ALLOW AUTOMATIC PAYMENT, PEND, OR DENY CLAIMS

Conditions that would automatically **pay** spinal manipulation for participants with a subluxation condition:

- Claims for participants with a subluxation condition who have received fewer than six treatments by a chiropractor in the previous calendar year.
- Claims for participants who have already received six treatments by a chiropractor in the previous calendar year AND who have an approved prior authorization for continued services.

Conditions that would be **pending**:

- This policy will not require claims to pend for manual review.

Conditions that will be **denied**.

- Diagnosis is not for a subluxation condition and is not on the attached list. See "Conditions covered for Chiropractic Services".
- Any other diagnostic or therapeutic service furnished by a chiropractor or under the chiropractor's order is covered.

Diagnoses and Procedures **Not Covered** by Idaho Medicaid:

- Any service other than manual manipulation of the spine.
- Services for participants with any diagnosis other than subluxation of the spine.
- X-rays or any other diagnostic test done by the chiropractic provider for the purpose of determining or demonstrating the existence of a subluxation of the spine.
- Durable Medical Equipment billed with a chiropractic provider number.

DIAGNOSIS CODES COVERED FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

Covered ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes: For dates of service prior to October 1, 2015

ICD-9 CM Diagnosis Codes
739.0 – 739.5
839.00 – 839.08
839.20 – 839.21
839.40 – 839.42

Covered ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes for Chiropractic Services: For dates of service on or after October 1, 2015.

ICD-10 CM Diagnosis Code	ICD-10 CM - Diagnosis Description
M99.00	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of head region
M99.01	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of cervical region
M99.02	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of thoracic region
M99.03	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of lumbar region
M99.04	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of sacral region
M99.05	Segmental and somatic dysfunction of
M99.10	Subluxation complex (vertebral) of head region
M99.11	Subluxation complex (vertebral) of cervical region
M99.12	Subluxation complex (vertebral) of thoracic region
M99.13	Subluxation complex (vertebral) of lumbar region
S13.100A	Subluxation of unspecified cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.100D	Subluxation of unspecified cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.100S	Subluxation of unspecified cervical vertebrae, sequela
S13.110A	Subluxation of C0/C1 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.110D	Subluxation of C0/C1 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.110S	Subluxation of C0/C1 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.120A	Subluxation of C1/C2 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.120D	Subluxation of C1/C2 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.120S	Subluxation of C1/C2 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.130A	Subluxation of C2/C3 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter

S13.130D	Subluxation of C2/C3 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.130S	Subluxation of C2/C3 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.140A	Subluxation of C3/C4 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.140D	Subluxation of C3/C4 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.140S	Subluxation of C3/C4 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.150A	Subluxation of C4/C5 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.150D	Subluxation of C4/C5 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.150S	Subluxation of C4/C5 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.160A	Subluxation of C5/C6 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.160D	Subluxation of C5/C6 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.160S	Subluxation of C5/C6 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.170A	Subluxation of C6/C7 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.170D	Subluxation of C6/C7 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.170S	Subluxation of C6/C7 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S13.180A	Subluxation of C7/T1 cervical vertebrae, initial encounter
S13.180D	Subluxation of C7/T1 cervical vertebrae, subsequent encounter
S13.180S	Subluxation of C7/T1 cervical vertebrae, sequel
S33.100A	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.100D	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.100S	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.110A	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.110D	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.110S	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, sequel
S33.120A	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.120D'	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.120S	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, sequel
S33.130A	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.130D	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.130S	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, sequel
S33.140A	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.140D	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.140S	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, sequel
S23.100A	Subluxation of unspecified thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.100D	Subluxation of unspecified thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.100S	Subluxation of unspecified thoracic vertebra, sequela
S23.110A	Subluxation of T1/T2 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.110D	Subluxation of T1/T2 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.110S	Subluxation of T1/T2 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.120A	Subluxation of T2/T3 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.120D	Subluxation of T2/T3 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.120S	Subluxation of T2/T3 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.122A	Subluxation of T3/T4 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.122D	Subluxation of T3/T4 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter

S23.122S	Subluxation of T3/T4 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.130A	Subluxation of T4/T5 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.130D	Subluxation of T4/T5 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.130S	Subluxation of T4/T5 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.132A	Subluxation of T5/T6 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.132D	Subluxation of T5/T6 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.132S	Subluxation of T5/T6 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.140A	Subluxation of T6/T7 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.140D	Subluxation of T6/T7 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.140S	Subluxation of T6/T7 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.142A	Subluxation of T7/T8 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.142D	Subluxation of T7/T8 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.142S	Subluxation of T7/T8 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.150A	Subluxation of T8/T9 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.150D	Subluxation of T8/T9 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.150S	Subluxation of T8/T9 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.152A	Subluxation of T9/T10 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.152D	Subluxation of T9/T10 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.152S	Subluxation of T9/T10 thoracic vertebra, sequel
S23.160A	Subluxation of T10/T11 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.160D	Subluxation of T10/T11 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.160S	Subluxation of T10/T11 thoracic vertebra, sequela
S23.162A	Subluxation of T11/T12 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.162D	Subluxation of T11/T12 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.162S	Subluxation of T11/T12 thoracic vertebra, sequela
S23.170A	Subluxation of T12/L1 thoracic vertebra, initial encounter
S23.170D	Subluxation of T12/L1 thoracic vertebra, subsequent encounter
S23.170S	Subluxation of T12/L1 thoracic vertebra, sequel