

Humana® Claims Payment Policy

Subject: Chiropractic Services for Acute Treatment

Application: Medicare Advantage Products

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Overview

This policy establishes Humana's billing requirements and reimbursement guidelines for chiropractic services covered under the Medicare Part B benefit.

Note: Some Humana Medicare Advantage (MA) plans have a supplemental benefit that covers chiropractic services that Original Medicare would not cover. This policy does not apply to services provided under one of those benefits.

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In addition to the policy, claims payments are subject to other plan requirements for the processing and payment of claims, including, but not limited to, requirements of medical necessity and reasonableness and applicable referral or authorization requirements.

Humana MA plans allow chiropractic services consistent with the applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance. Humana plans cover chiropractic services under the Medicare Part B benefit for the same diagnoses as Original Medicare. In addition, the chiropractic service must be rendered for acute treatment purposes to be coverable under the Medicare Part B benefit. Providers must report chiropractic services covered under the Medicare Part B benefit consistent with guidance in applicable CMS published transmittals and Internet-only Manuals. That includes, but is not limited to, the criteria outlined in this policy.

Humana requires providers to report *modifier AT* when billing for chiropractic services *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes 98940 – 98942* when the service meets all qualifications for coverage under the Medicare Part B benefit.

Humana uses the reporting of *modifier AT* to determine whether to apply a charge for *CPT code 98940 – 98942* to the Medicare Part B benefit. Only claims reported with *modifier AT* will be applied to the Medicare Part B benefit.

Definitions of *Italicized Terms*

- ***Modifier AT***: Acute treatment
- ***CPT code 98940***: Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); spinal, 1-2 regions
- ***CPT code 98941***: Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); spinal, 3-4 regions
- ***CPT code 98942***: Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); spinal, 5 regions

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- American Medical Association’s CPT® and associated publications and services.

General Humana Resources

- [Availity](#) – Providers can register for access to information on a variety of topics such as eligibility, benefits, referrals, authorizations, claims and electronic remittances.
- [Claims processing edit notifications](#) – Alerts of upcoming claims payment changes are posted on the first Friday of each month.
- [Claims resources](#) – Providers can find information on referrals, authorizations, electronic claim submissions and more.
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