

## Reimbursement Policy Statement Illinois Medicaid

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<b>Policy Name</b>		<b>Department</b>	
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Aetna Better Health® of Illinois (ABH IL) implements comprehensive and robust policies and procedures to ensure alignment with Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS) and to warrant that regulatory standards are met.

ABH IL reimbursement policies are intended to provide a general reference for claims filing, coding, documentation guidelines and administrative functions. Providers are ultimately responsible for submission of accurate reporting of services provided.

Reimbursement of reported services is subject to member benefit, eligibility on date of service, medical necessity, related plan policies and procedures, correct coding and clinical editing logic, provider contracts and all applicable plan documentation and guidelines set forth by Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS). Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry standard claims logic, guidance from specialty organizations and other factors are considered in the development of plan policies. ABH IL retains the right to change, amend or withdraw this policy as needed, at any time.

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### A. Policy

This policy is provided as a guide to medical coding and editing guidelines for the appropriate reporting of chiropractic services. This policy aligns with guidance from Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS) as well as AMA CPT coding and reporting guidelines.

### B. Overview

This policy outlines the coding and editing guidelines for reporting chiropractic services. Chiropractic services are health care services focused on the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system, with particular emphasis on disorders of the spine and their impact on the nervous system. Services are provided by a licensed chiropractor and typically include spinal manipulation or adjustment performed to correct subluxations and alleviate neuromusculoskeletal dysfunction, pain, or impairment. This policy applies to all professional and facility claim types.

In accordance with Illinois HFS guidelines, chiropractic services are limited to the treatment of the spine by manual manipulation to correct a subluxation of the spine. Therefore, extraspinal chiropractic manipulative treatment will be denied as a non-covered service.

Chiropractic services are reimbursable when provided no more than once per date of service by any provider. Services reported for more than one unit per date of service will be denied.

### C. Definitions

Term	Definition
Aetna Better Health of Illinois (ABHIL)	A subsidiary of CVS Health Corporation, Medicaid subsidiary that provides plan management and other administrative services for the Illinois Medicaid program.
American Medical Association (AMA)	A professional group that publishes research to advance public health and advocates for the interests of registered physician-members.
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	The federal agency that administers the Medicare program as well as works with the individual states to administer state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs.
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)	A medical code set maintained by the American Medical Association through the CPT Editorial Panel. The CPT code set (copyright protected by the AMA) describes medical, surgical, and diagnostic services and is designed to communicate uniform information about medical services and procedures among physicians, coders, patients, accreditation organizations, and payers for administrative, financial, and analytical purposes.

Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS)	The Department of Healthcare and Family Services administers health insurance programs for children, pregnant women, and adults who are residents of Illinois.
Medicaid	The state administered program that provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults, and people with disabilities, according to federal requirements. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government.
Medicare	Medicare is a health insurance program for: people aged sixty-five (65) or older, people under age sixty-five (65) with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

#### D. Reimbursement Guidelines

ABH IL will only reimburse for chiropractic services when appropriately reported. Appropriate reporting includes

- Reporting a maximum of 1 unit per date of service for any provider for applicable chiropractic CPT codes

Claims that are submitted will be denied when

- More than the maximum units are reported per date of service for any provider for applicable chiropractic CPT codes
- Reporting non- covered chiropractic services

The medical record documentation is expected to support the specific CPT code(s) and ICD-10-CM codes reported.

#### E. Codes/Condition of Coverage

Applicable Chiropractic CPT Codes

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

Non- Covered Chiropractic CPT Code

98943	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); extraspinal, 1 or more regions
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#### F. Frequently Asked Questions

N/A

G. Review/Revision Date		
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H. Resources
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. American Medical Association. <i>CPT Professional Edition 2026, AMA</i>; 2025.</li><li>2. Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. (2021, November 5). <i>Chiropractic fee schedule effective December 1, 2021</i>. <a href="https://hfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/hfs/medicalproviders/medicaidreimbursement/chiropractor/11052021chiropracticfeeschedulefor120112021final.pdf">https://hfs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/hfs/medicalproviders/medicaidreimbursement/chiropractor/11052021chiropracticfeeschedulefor120112021final.pdf</a></li></ol>