

## Chiropractic Coding & Compliance Alert

### Reader Question: Why Is G8730 the Most Sought After Pain Reporting Code?

**Question:** The provider sees a new patient. The provider does a pain assessment that includes a visual analog scale. The patient marks a pain level of 7. The doctor documents the findings, draws a treatment plan and schedules a follow up visit with intent of reassessing for pain again at that time. Which G code will be appropriate in this case scenario?

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**Answer:** This scenario reflects a common patient encounter in a chiropractic practice. The appropriate G code would be G8730 (Pain assessment documented as positive using a standardized tool and a follow-up plan is documented.)

Since this is one of the most frequently used codes, familiarity with G8730 is highly recommended.

**Remember:** When billing Medicare, you must include an assessment code.