

Chiropractic Coding & Compliance Alert

Reader Questions: Is 98943 Reimbursed by Medicare for Chiropractics?

Question: The provider performs CMT to the left shoulder. He also performs CMT of the lumbar region. How does he bill for both the services to Medicare?

Illinois Subscriber

Answer: Medicare pays chiropractors for spinal manipulation CPT® codes 98940-98942, when these services are reasonably and medically necessary and meet all Medicare coverage guidelines as set forth in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet-Only Manuals (IOM). The descriptors are as follows:

- 98940 -- Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); spinal, 1-2 regions
- 98941 -- ... spinal, 3-4 regions
- 98942 -- ... spinal 5 regions
- 98943 -- ... extraspinal, 1 or more regions.

Note: CPT® code 98943 (CMT, extraspinal, one or more regions) is **not** a Medicare benefit.