

Molina Will Require AT Modifier for Medicaid Chiropractic Claims for Active/Corrective Treatment

Please note that, for Medicaid, Molina Healthcare of Michigan will no longer accept Chiropractic claims for active/corrective treatment (claims containing HCPCS code 98940, 98941 or 98942) that do not include the Acute Treatment (AT) modifier. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) considers maintenance therapy not medically necessary and non-payable when performed to maintain or prevent deterioration of chronic conditions. Under Section 4 - Non-covered service of the MDHHS Provider Manual, Chiropractic services, it states that manual manipulation of the spine is a covered service if the treatment does not fall under maintenance therapy. The use of the AT modifier will distinguish acute and corrective treatment vs. maintenance therapy. Molina will begin automatically denying such claims within four to six weeks from the date of this notification.

For additional information regarding claims for chiropractic services, please refer to the Chiropractor section of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Medicaid Provider Manual at <https://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch-medicaid/manuals/MedicaidProviderManual.pdf>.

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