

Chiropractic Billing Cheat Sheet

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General Billing Tips

- Always verify patient insurance eligibility before the appointment.
- Ensure proper documentation of every visit to support the medical necessity.
- Familiarize yourself with common insurance requirements for chiropractic care.

Common Chiropractic CPT Codes

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

Evaluation and Management (E/M) Codes

- **99201-99205** - New patient office visits
- **99211-99215** - Established patient office visits
- **99202** - Typical time for a new patient visit (20 minutes)

Diagnostic Imaging Codes

- **72020** - Radiologic examination, spine, single view
- **72040** - Radiologic examination, cervical spine, 2 or 3 views
- **72070** - Thoracic spine, 2 views

Modifiers

- **-25** - Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the same day of the procedure or other service.
- **-59** - Distinct procedural service, indicates that services that are usually bundled into one payment were provided as separate services.
- **-AT** - Acute treatment (This modifier is used to signify that a service was directly related to acute care phase treatment of a condition.)

Insurance Billing Tips

- Use modifier -25 when an E/M service is performed on the same day as a CMT to indicate that both services are significant and separately identifiable.
- Document every service provided during the visit, including the number of spinal regions treated and any additional therapies or modalities used.

Common Insurance Claim Denials & Solutions

Denial Reason: Lack of medical necessity.

- **Solution:** Ensure thorough documentation of the patient's condition and the rationale for treatment.

Denial Reason: Incorrect use of modifiers.

- **Solution:** Review modifier usage guidelines and apply appropriately.

Practice Notes

Include any specific billing nuances or reminders relevant to your practice or commonly encountered issues.