

# Manipulative Therapy (for North Carolina Only)

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## Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of North Carolina.

## Coverage Rationale

Manipulative therapy of the spine is proven and medically necessary for treating musculoskeletal disorders under certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy for Chiropractic Services, 1F, Chiropractic Services](#).

## Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Coding Clarification: Refer to the Coverage Determination Guideline titled Habilitative Services and Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy for information regarding CPT code 97140, Manual therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), one or more regions, each 15 minutes.

CPT Code	Description
98925	Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); 1-2 body regions involved
98926	Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); 3-4 body regions involved
98927	Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); 5-6 body regions involved

CPT Code	Description
98928	Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); 7-8 body regions involved
98929	Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); 9-10 body regions involved
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
98943	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT); extraspinal, 1 or more regions

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HCPCS Code	Description
S8990	Physical or manipulative therapy performed for maintenance rather than restoration

## References

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Chiropractic Services, No: 1F. [NC Medicaid: Chiropractic Services, 1F](#). Accessed March 29, 2021.

## Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2021	New Medical Policy

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