Alternative Treatments Billing Guideline – Apple Health

CHPW is proud to offer our Alternative Treatments benefit to our **Apple Health** (Medicaid) members. This value-added benefit allows our Apple Health members access to acupuncture, chiropractic, and massage therapy services for all ages.

- There is a 20-visit combined limit for these services per calendar year.
  - Covered E&M codes do not count toward the limit.
  - For chiropractic and acupuncture services, there is a limit of one E&M visit per year.
  - For chiropractic visits for members up to age 20, an EPSDT referral is not required for the CHPW benefit.
  - Providers can contact CHPW to request a limit extension (LE).
- No authorization is required.
- Members can go to any provider, as long as the provider is certified to provide the services within the scope of their license.

See below or review the [Benefit Grids](#) for more information.

Covered Codes

The following codes are covered.

Chiropractic medicine	*Covered codes:*
E&M	99202 | 99203 | 99212 | 99213
Manipulation	98940 | 98941 | 98942
X-rays	72020 | 72040 | 72070 | 72100
Acupuncture	*Covered codes:*
E&M	99202 | 99203 | 99212 | 99213
Procedures	97810 | 97811 | 97813 | 97814
Massage therapy	*Covered codes:*
E&M	Not covered
Massage therapy	97140 | 97112 | 97110 through 05/31/2025 **Beginning 06/01/2025, 97124 is the only covered code for massage billed by massage therapists** 97124 is a timed code: • Quantity of 1 = 15 minutes = 1 visit • Quantity of 2 = 30 minutes = 1 visit • Quantity of 3 = 45 minutes = 1 visit • Quantity of 4 = 60 minutes = 2 visits

The rate for reimbursement is based on the CMS physician fee schedule for the appropriate area: 02 for King County or 99 for all other counties.

Questions?

If you or your patient have any questions, our Customer Service Team is ready to help. You can email customercare@chpw.org or call during business hours.

- Phone number: 1-800-440-1561
- Business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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