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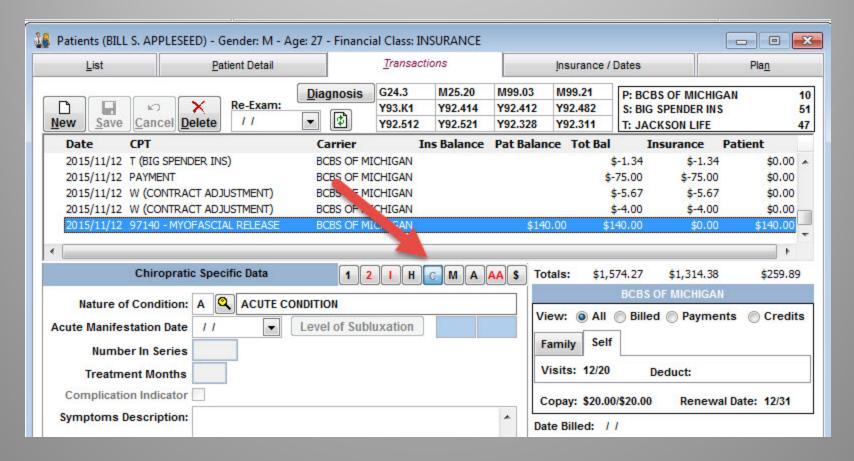
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Use AT modifier which means active treatment.

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Claims submitted for Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT) CPT codes 98940, 98941, or 98942, for services rendered on or after October 1, 2004, must contain an AT modifier or they will be considered not medically necessary.

Do not fill out the C button.



Documentation of Subluxation. A subluxation may be demonstrated by an x-ray or by physical examination, as described below. a. Demonstrated by X-Ray.

- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2000, an x-ray is not

required to demonstrate the subluxation.

An x-ray may be used to document subluxation. The x-ray must have been taken at a time reasonably proximate to the initiation of a course of treatment. Unless more specific x-ray evidence is warranted, an x-ray is considered reasonably proximate if it was taken no more than 12 months prior to or 3 months following the initiation of a course of chiropractic treatment. In certain cases of chronic subluxation (e.g., scoliosis), an older x-ray may be accepted provided the beneficiary's health record indicates the condition has existed longer than 12 months and there is a reasonable basis for concluding that the condition is permanent. A previous CT scan and/or MRI is acceptable evidence if a subluxation of the spine is demonstrated.

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Demonstrated by Physical Examination Evaluation of musculoskeletal/ nervous system to identify (PART = Pain, Asymmetry, Range of motion and tissue tone changes):

- Pain/tenderness evaluated in terms of location, quality, and intensity
- Asymmetry/misalignment identified on a sectional or segmental level;

- Tissue, tone changes in the characteristics of contiguous, or associated soft tissues, including skin, fascia, muscle, and ligament.

P.A.R.T. Information:

Pain – Most primary neuromusculoskeletal disorders manifest primarily by a painful response. Pain and tenderness findings may be identified through one or more of the following: observation, percussion, palpation, provocation, etc. Furthermore pain intensity may be assessed using one or more of the following: visual analog scales, algometers, pain questionnaires, etc.

Asymmetry/misalignment – Asymmetry/misalignment may be identified on a sectional or segmental level through one or more of the following: observation (posture and gait analysis), static palpation for misalignment of vertebral segments, diagnostic imaging, etc.

Range of motion abnormality (changes in active, passive, and accessory joint movements resulting in an increase or a decrease of sectional or segmental mobility); and

Range of motion abnormality – Range of motion abnormalities may be identified through one or more of the following: motion, palpation, observation, stress diagnostic imaging, range of motion measurements, etc.

Tissue/Tone texture - may be identified through one or more of the following procedures: observation, palpation, use of instruments, tests for length and strength etc.

To demonstrate a subluxation based on physical examination, two of the four criteria mentioned under the above physical examination list are required, one of which must be asymmetry/misalignment or range of motion abnormality.

The history recorded in the patient record should include the following: Printed on 11/6/2015. Page 3 of 14

- Symptoms causing patient to seek treatment;
- Family history if relevant;

- Past health history (general health, prior illness, injuries, or hospitalizations; medications; surgical history);

- Mechanism of trauma;
- Quality and character of symptoms/problem;
- Onset, duration, intensity, frequency, location and radiation of symptoms;
- Aggravating or relieving factors; and
- Prior interventions, treatments, medications, secondary complaints.
- 1. History as stated above.
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- Review of chief complaint;
- Changes since last visit;
- System review if relevant.

2. Description of the present illness including:

- Mechanism of trauma;

- Quality and character of symptoms/problem;
- Onset, duration, intensity, frequency, location, and radiation of symptoms;
- Aggravating or relieving factors;
- Prior interventions, treatments, medications, secondary complaints; and
- Symptoms causing patient to seek treatment.

These symptoms must bear a direct relationship to the level of subluxation. The symptoms should refer to the spine (spondyle or vertebral), muscle (myo), bone (osseo or osteo), rib (costo or costal) and joint (arthro) and be reported as pain (algia), inflammation (itis), or as signs such as swelling, spasticity, etc. Vertebral pinching of spinal nerves may cause headaches, arm, shoulder, and hand problems as well as leg and foot pains and numbness. Rib and rib/chest pains are also recognized symptoms, but in general other symptoms must relate to the spine as such. The subluxation must be causal, i.e., the symptoms must be related to the level of the subluxation that has been cited. A statement on a claim that there is "pain" is insufficient. The location of pain must be described and whether the particular vertebra listed is capable of producing pain in the area determined.

3. Evaluation of musculoskeletal/nervous system through physical examination.

4. Diagnosis: The primary diagnosis must be subluxation, including the level of subluxation, either so stated or identified by a term descriptive of subluxation. Such terms may refer either to the condition of the spinal joint involved or to the direction of position assumed by the particular bone named.

5. Treatment Plan: The treatment plan should include the following:

- Recommended level of care (duration and frequency of visits);
- Specific treatment goals; and
- Objective measures to evaluate treatment effectiveness.

6. Date of the initial treatment.

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If your primary diagnosis changes, the date of initial treatment should change. It is defined as the initial treatment for **that** diagnosis. **Group 1 Paragraph:** Note: diagnosis codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity. The level of the subluxation must be specified on the claim and must be listed as the primary diagnosis. The neuromusculoskeletal condition necessitating the treatment must be listed as the secondary diagnosis. All diagnosis codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity, and the primary diagnosis must be supported by x-ray or documented by physical examination. These are the only covered diagnosis codes that support medical necessity:

Primary: ICD-10-CM Codes (Names of Vertebrae) The precise level of subluxation must be listed as the primary diagnosis. **Group 1 Codes:** 98940 CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, 1-2 REGIONS **Requires minimum of two diagnosis codes** 98941 CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, 3-4 REGIONS **Requires minimum of six diagnosis codes** 98942 CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, 5 REGIONS **- Requires minimum of 10 diagnosis codes**

ICD-10 Codes Description (Primary DX)

M99.00 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of head region M99.01 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of cervical region M99.02 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of thoracic region M99.03 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of lumbar region M99.04 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of sacral region M99.05 Segmental and somatic dysfunction of pelvic region

Group 2 Paragraph: Short-Term Treatment

(These conditions generally require short-term treatments.) ICD-10 CM Symptom/Condition Codes (Secondary Diagnosis)

- G43.009 Migraine without aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus;
- G43.019 Migraine without aura, intractable, without status migrainosus
- G43.109 Migraine with aura, not intractable, without status migrainosus;
- G43.119 Migraine with aura, intractable, without status migrainosus;
- G43.A0 Cyclical vomiting, not intractable
- G43.A1 Cyclical vomiting, intractable
- G43.B0 Ophthalmoplegic migraine, not intractable;
- G43.B1 Ophthalmoplegic migraine, intractable
- G43.C0 Periodic headache syndromes in child or adult, not intractable;
- G43.C1 Periodic headache syndromes in child or adult, intractable;
- G43.D0 Abdominal migraine, not intractable
- G43.D1 Abdominal migraine, intractable
- G43.909 Migraine, unspecified, not intractable, without status migrainosus;
- G43.919 Migraine, unspecified, intractable, without status migrainosus;
- G44.1 Vascular headache, not elsewhere classified
- G44.209 Tension-type headache, unspecified, not intractable;
- M47.24 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, thoracic region
- M47.25 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region;
- M47.26 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbar region
- M47.27 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
- M47.28 Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region;
- M47.811 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, occipito-atlanto-axial region;
- M47.812 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, cervical region
- M47.813 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region;
- M47.814 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracic region;
- M47.815 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region;
- M47.816 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region;
- M47.817 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
- M47.818 Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region;

Group 2 Paragraph: Short-Term Treatment

- M48.11 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], occipito-atlanto-axial region
- M48.12 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], cervical region;
- M48.13 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], cervicothoracic region'
- M48.14 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], thoracic region;
- M48.15 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], thoracolumbar region;
- M48.16 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], lumbar region
- M48.17 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], lumbosacral region
- M48.18 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], sacral and sacrococcygeal region;
- M48.19 Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], multiple sites in spine
- M54.2 Cervicalgia
- M54.5 Low back pain
- M54.6 Pain in thoracic spine
- M62.49 Contracture of muscle, multiple sites;
- M62.838 Other muscle spasm
- R51 Headache

Group 3 Paragraph: Moderate-Term Treatment ICD 10 CM Symptom/Condition Codes (Secondary Diagnosis)

G54.0	Brachial plexus disorders
G54.1	Lumbosacral plexus disorders
G54.2	Cervical root disorders, not elsewhere classified
G54.3	Thoracic root disorders, not elsewhere classified
G54.4	Lumbosacral root disorders, not elsewhere classified
G54.8	Other nerve root and plexus disorders
G55	Nerve root and plexus compressions in diseases classified elsewhere
G57.02	Lesion of sciatic nerve, left lower limb
G57.21	Lesion of femoral nerve, right lower limb
G57.22	Lesion of femoral nerve, left lower limb
G57.91	Unspecified mononeuropathy of right lower limb
G57.92	Unspecified mononeuropathy of left lower limb
M12.311	Palindromic rheumatism, right shoulder
M12.312	Palindromic rheumatism, left shoulder
M12.351	Palindromic rheumatism, right hip
M12.352	Palindromic rheumatism, left hip
M12.361	Palindromic rheumatism, right knee
M12.362	Palindromic rheumatism, left knee
M12.371	Palindromic rheumatism, right ankle and foot
M12.372	Palindromic rheumatism, left ankle and foot
M12.38	Palindromic rheumatism, other specified site
M12.39	Palindromic rheumatism, multiple sites

- M12.411 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, right shoulder
- M12.412 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, left shoulder
- M12.451 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, right hip
- M12.452 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, left hip
- M12.461 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, right knee
- M12.462 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, left knee
- M12.471 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, right ankle and foot
- M12.472 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, left ankle and foot
- M12.48 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, other site
- M12.49 Intermittent hydrarthrosis, multiple sites
- M15.4 Erosive (osteo)arthritis
- M15.8 Other polyosteoarthritis
- M16.0 Bilateral primary osteoarthritis of hip
- M16.11 Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, right hip
- M16.12 Unilateral primary osteoarthritis, left hip
- M25.011 Hemarthrosis, right shoulder
- M25.012 Hemarthrosis, left shoulder
- M25.051 Hemarthrosis, right hip
- M25.052 Hemarthrosis, left hip
- M25.061 Hemarthrosis, right knee
- M25.062 Hemarthrosis, left knee
- M25.071 Hemarthrosis, right ankle
- M25.072 Hemarthrosis, left ankle
- M25.074 Hemarthrosis, right foot
- M25.075 Hemarthrosis, left foot
- M25.08 Hemarthrosis, other specified site

M25.451	Effusion, right hip
M25.452	Effusion, left hip
M25.461	Effusion, right knee
M25.462	Effusion, left knee
M25.471	Effusion, right ankle
M25.472	Effusion, left ankle
M25.474	Effusion, right foot
M25.475	Effusion, left foot
M25.511	Pain in right shoulder
M25.512	Pain in left shoulder
M25.551	Pain in right hip
M25.552	Pain in left hip
M25.561	Pain in right knee
M25.562	Pain in left knee
M25.571	Pain in right ankle and joints of right foot
M25.572	Pain in left ankle and joints of left foot
M25.611	Stiffness of right shoulder, not elsewhere classified
M25.612	Stiffness of left shoulder, not elsewhere classified
M25.651	Stiffness of right hip, not elsewhere classified
M25.652	Stiffness of left hip, not elsewhere classified
M25.661	Stiffness of right knee, not elsewhere classified
M25.662	Stiffness of left knee, not elsewhere classified
M25.671	Stiffness of right ankle, not elsewhere classified
M25.672	Stiffness of left ankle, not elsewhere classified
M25.674	Stiffness of right foot, not elsewhere classified
M25.675	Stiffness of left foot, not elsewhere classified
M25.811	Other specified joint disorders, right shoulder
M25.812	Other specified joint disorders, left shoulder
M25.851	Other specified joint disorders, right hip
M25.852	Other specified joint disorders, left hip
M25.861	Other specified joint disorders, right knee
M25.862	Other specified joint disorders, left knee
M25.871	Other specified joint disorders, right ankle and foot
M25.872	Other specified joint disorders, left ankle and foot

- M50.11 Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, high cervical region M50.12 Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, mid-cervical region
- M50.12 Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, mid-cervical region
- M50.13 Cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
- M50.81 Other cervical disc disorders, high cervical region
- M50.82 Other cervical disc disorders, mid-cervical region
- M50.83 Other cervical disc disorders, cervicothoracic region
- M50.91 Cervical disc disorder, unspecified, high cervical region
- M50.92 Cervical disc disorder, unspecified, mid-cervical region
- M50.93 Cervical disc disorder, unspecified, cervicothoracic region
- M51.14 Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, thoracic region
- M51.15 Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
- M51.16 Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbar region
- M51.17 Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
- M51.84 Other intervertebral disc disorders, thoracic region
- M51.85 Other intervertebral disc disorders, thoracolumbar region
- M51.86 Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbar region
- M51.87 Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbosacral region
- M53.0 Cervicocranial syndrome
- M53.1 Cervicobrachial syndrome
- M53.2X7 Spinal instabilities, lumbosacral region
- M53.2X8 Spinal instabilities, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
- M53.86 Other specified dorsopathies, lumbar region
- M53.87 Other specified dorsopathies, lumbosacral region
- M53.88 Other specified dorsopathies, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
- M54.11 Radiculopathy, occipito-atlanto-axial region
- M54.12 Radiculopathy, cervical region
- M54.13 Radiculopathy, cervicothoracic region
- M54.14 Radiculopathy, thoracic region
- M54.15 Radiculopathy, thoracolumbar region
- M54.16 Radiculopathy, lumbar region
- M54.17 Radiculopathy, lumbosacral region

- M60.811 Other myositis, right shoulder
- M60.812 Other myositis, left shoulder
- M60.851 Other myositis, right thigh
- M60.852 Other myositis, left thigh
- M60.861 Other myositis, right lower leg
- M60.862 Other myositis, left lower leg
- M60.871 Other myositis, right ankle and foot
- M60.872 Other myositis, left ankle and foot
- M60.88 Other myositis, other site
- M60.89 Other myositis, multiple sites
- M62.830 Muscle spasm of back
- M79.1 Myalgia
- M79.7 Fibromyalgia
- Q76.2 Congenital spondylolisthesis
- R26.2 Difficulty in walking, not elsewhere classified
- R29.4 Clicking hip
- S13.4XXA Sprain of ligaments of cervical spine, initial encounter
- S13.8XXA Sprain of joints and ligaments of other parts of neck, initial encounter
- S16.1XXA Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level, initial encounter
- S23.3XXA Sprain of ligaments of thoracic spine, initial encounter
- S23.8XXA Sprain of other specified parts of thorax, initial encounter
- S33.5XXA Sprain of ligaments of lumbar spine, initial encounter
- S33.6XXA Sprain of sacroiliac joint, initial encounter
- S33.8XXA Sprain of other parts of lumbar spine and pelvis, initial encounter

Group 4 Codes: ICD-10 Codes – Long Term Treatment

M48.01 Spinal stenosis, occipito-atlanto-axial region M48.02 Spinal stenosis, cervical region M48.03 Spinal stenosis, cervicothoracic region M48.04 Spinal stenosis, thoracic region M48.05 Spinal stenosis, thoracolumbar region M48.06 Spinal stenosis, lumbar region M48.07 Spinal stenosis, lumbosacral region Traumatic spondylopathy, occipito-atlanto-axial region M48.31 M48.32 Traumatic spondylopathy, cervical region M48.33 Traumatic spondylopathy, cervicothoracic region M48.34 Traumatic spondylopathy, thoracic region Traumatic spondylopathy, thoracolumbar region M48.35 M48.36 Traumatic spondylopathy, lumbar region M48.37 Traumatic spondylopathy, lumbosacral region M48.38 Traumatic spondylopathy, sacral and sacrococcygeal region M50.21 Other cervical disc displacement, high cervical region Other cervical disc displacement, mid-cervical region M50.22 Other cervical disc displacement, cervicothoracic region M50.23 M50.31 Other cervical disc degeneration, high cervical region Other cervical disc degeneration, mid-cervical region M50.32 M50.33 Other cervical disc degeneration, cervicothoracic region M51.24 Other intervertebral disc displacement, thoracic region M51.25 Other intervertebral disc displacement, thoracolumbar region M51.26 Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbar region M51.27 Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbosacral region M51.34 Other intervertebral disc degeneration, thoracic region M51.35 Other intervertebral disc degeneration, thoracolumbar region M51.36 Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbar region Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbosacral region M51.37

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M54.31	Sciatica, right side
M54.32	Sciatica, left side
M54.41	Lumbago with sciatica, right side
M54.42	Lumbago with sciatica, left side
M96.1	Postlaminectomy syndrome, not elsewhere classified
M99.20	Subluxation stenosis of neural canal of head region
M99.21	Subluxation stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M99.22	Subluxation stenosis of neural canal of thoracic region
M99.23	Subluxation stenosis of neural canal of lumbar region
M99.30	Osseous stenosis of neural canal of head region
M99.31	Osseous stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M99.32	Osseous stenosis of neural canal of thoracic region
M99.33	Osseous stenosis of neural canal of lumbar region
M99.40	Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal of head region
M99.41	Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M99.42	Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal of thoracic region
M99.43	Connective tissue stenosis of neural canal of lumbar region
M99.50	Intervertebral disc stenosis of neural canal of head region
M99.51	Intervertebral disc stenosis of neural canal of cervical region
M99.52	Intervertebral disc stenosis of neural canal of thoracic region
M99.53	Intervertebral disc stenosis of neural canal of lumbar region
M99.60	Osseous and subluxation stenosis of intervertebral foramina of head region
M99.61	Osseous and subluxation stenosis of intervertebral foramina of cervical region
M99.62	Osseous and subluxation stenosis of intervertebral foramina of thoracic region
M99.63	Osseous and subluxation stenosis of intervertebral foramina of lumbar region
M99.70	Connective tissue and disc stenosis of intervertebral foramina of head region
M99.71	Connective tissue and disc stenosis of intervertebral foramina of cervical region
M99.72	Connective tissue and disc stenosis of intervertebral foramina of thoracic region
M99.73	Connective tissue and disc stenosis of intervertebral foramina of lumbar region
Q76.2	Congenital spondylolisthesis

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