

interChange Provider Important Message

Attention: Acupuncture Providers

Claim Submission Instructions for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries

Acupuncture providers who submit claims for dual-eligible beneficiaries for the treatment of chronic low back pain will be required to submit the claim to the patient's Medicare plan first. Any HUSKY Health member with active Medicare Part B coverage is considered dually eligible.

Medicare Part B coverage of acupuncture services is restricted to the treatment of chronic low back pain, which is defined as

- Lasting 12 weeks or longer
- Having no known cause (not related to cancer that has spread, inflammatory, or infectious disease)
- Pain not associated with surgery or pregnancy

The claim processing system has been updated to allow claims for acupuncture services unrelated to chronic low back pain to bypass Medicare cost-avoidance rules. Those claims may be submitted to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) directly. Please note that claims for dual-eligible members will be subject to a post-payment audit to ensure that primary coverage has been exhausted prior to billing CMAP.