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Medicare-Covered Acupuncture Services for Chronic Low Back Pain

Beginning in 2021, Molina Medicare and The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover acupuncture for chronic low back pain under section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

Physicians may furnish acupuncture in accordance with applicable state requirements.

Physician assistants, nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists, and auxiliary personnel may furnish acupuncture if they meet all applicable state requirements and have:

- A masters or doctoral level degree in acupuncture or Oriental Medicine from a school accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM); and
- Current, full, active, and unrestricted license to practice acupuncture in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth (i.e. Puerto Rico) of the United States, or District of Columbia.

Auxiliary personnel furnishing acupuncture must be under the appropriate level of supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist.

Molina is trying to ascertain if current providers are approved to provide acupuncture services.

If your staff provides acupuncture services, please provide the following information by August 3, 2020:

_____ My office provides acupuncture services.

Office Name and Phone Number _____

Name(s) of Acupuncturist(s) _____

Meets training requirements above (Y/N) _____

Please return information by Monday, August 3, 2020 to 810-275-9264 via fax or via email to MHMProviderServicesMailbox@MolinaHealthCare.Com

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