



# Department of Medicaid

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## Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) No. 620

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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Acupuncture Services  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: **Acupuncture Services—Benefit Year**

This MAL is intended for providers of acupuncture services submitting claims to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM).

Payment for more than 30 acupuncture visits per benefit year requires prior authorization. For acupuncture services, a benefit year is defined as a calendar year (1/1/xx – 12/31/xx). In other words, on January 1 of each year, the utilization history of individuals covered by Medicaid and receiving acupuncture services will be reset to zero.

### Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Please contact the Medicaid managed care plans for their specific prior authorization and claim submission requirements.

### Questions

Questions pertaining to this MAL may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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