



# Department of Medicaid

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TO: Acupuncturists  
Non-Institutional Providers of Acupuncture Services  
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans  
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Acupuncture Services

New rule 5160-8-51, "Acupuncture services," has been adopted to allow acupuncturists to enroll as independent Medicaid providers and to allow all eligible providers of acupuncture services to submit claims to the Ohio Department of Medicaid for the treatment of low back pain or migraine. In conjunction with this work, language has been added to rule 5160-8-11, "Spinal manipulation and related diagnostic imaging services," which allows chiropractors to receive payment for acupuncture services.

For a covered acupuncture service rendered at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) by an eligible practitioner of FQHC or RHC services, payment is made in accordance with Chapter 5160-28 of the Administrative Code. FQHCs and RHCs submitting claims for services rendered by an acupuncturist (with no other credentials) must submit claims using their Medicaid fee-for-service ambulatory health care clinic Medicaid provider number (provider type 50).

To enroll with the Department as an acupuncturist or another Medicaid provider type with an acupuncture specialty, practitioners should contact Provider Enrollment at 800-686-1516 or [Medicaid\\_provider\\_update@medicaid.ohio.gov](mailto:Medicaid_provider_update@medicaid.ohio.gov). Practitioners should also reach out to their Medicaid managed care plans to learn about any requirements they have for acupuncture services.

### Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Questions pertaining to this letter should be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

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