



Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) No. 3334-21-02

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

FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Revision of Acupuncture Services Rule

Coverage and payment policy for acupuncture services is set forth in one rule located in Chapter 5160-8 of the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rule 5160-8-51, "Acupuncture Services".

This rule is being rescinded and replaced with new rule 5160-8-51. The new rule adds coverage of acupuncture services for the following additional conditions: cervical (neck) pain, osteoarthritis of the hip, osteoarthritis of the knee, nausea or vomiting related to pregnancy or chemotherapy, and acute post-operative pain. Language has also been added to describe how acupuncture services are paid when performed by a non-physician acupuncture provider in a hospital setting. Lastly, revisions involve improvements in the organization of the rule and clarification of phrasing.

These changes take effect on April 1, 2021.

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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