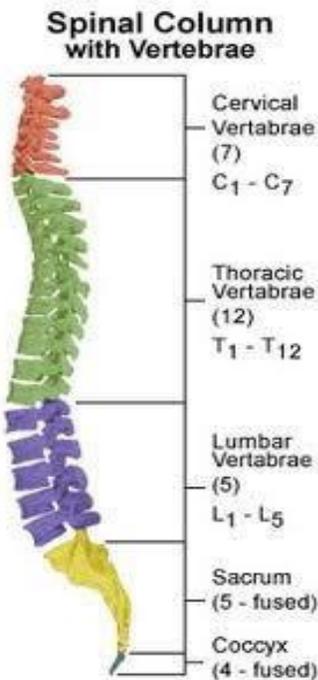


Physical Medicine Codes with Chiropractic Manipulative Treatment (CMT) (97112, 97124, 97140 with 98940–98942)

According to National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI): Medicare covers CMT of five spinal regions. Physical medicine and rehabilitation services described by CPT® codes 97112, 97124, and 97140 are not separately reportable when performed in a spinal region undergoing CMT. If these physical medicine and rehabilitation services are performed in a different region than CMT and the provider/supplier is eligible to report physical medicine and rehabilitation codes under the Medicare program, the provider/supplier may report CMT and the above codes using modifier 59 or XS.

Per CPT® code definitions and coding guidelines, the five spinal regions are:

1. Cervical region (includes atlanto-occipital joint);
2. Thoracic region (includes costovertebral and costotransverse joints);
3. Lumbar region;
4. Sacral region; and
5. Pelvic (sacro-iliac joint) region.



97112 CPT® Code Description: Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities.

97124 CPT® Code Description: Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; massage, including effleurage, petrissage and/or tapotement (stroking, compression, percussion).

97140 CPT® Code Description: Manual Therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/ manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), 1 or more regions, each 15 minutes.

CPT® Codes 98940-98942 are for chiropractic spinal manipulation of 1-2 regions, 3-4 regions, 5 regions.

Clinical Examples

- **Pay Example:** The patient presented with thoracic pain and shoulder pain. Manipulation was performed to the spine as well as massage was performed to the shoulder area. 97124 is separately reportable as well as 98940 as the massage was performed to an area that did not have spinal manipulation.
- **Deny Example:** The patient presented with cervical and thoracic pain. Spinal manipulation was performed to all spinal regions as well as manual therapy was performed to the cervical region to loosen the muscles. CPT® code 98940 is the only service that should be reported as manual therapy (97140) was performed to the same region that also received CMT.

Additional References

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