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## **ACUPUNCTURE & CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES MOLINA MEDICARE DSNP and MI HEALTH LINK (MMP)**

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.

A prior authorization will be required for this service through the Central Medicare Unit (CMU), CMU fax: (844)251-1450. Services must meet criteria and be provided by acupuncture providers who meet the CMS required training.

**Reminder:** Starting January 1, 2021, Molina Healthcare of Michigan will DIRECTLY administer the Medicare supplemental, MI Health Link (MMP) and Medicaid chiropractic benefits through your Molina Healthcare of Michigan contract.

Molina will no longer provide chiropractic benefits through American Specialty Health Group, Inc. (ASH) beginning on January 1, 2021.

With this change, any required prior authorizations for services will be processed directly through Molina Healthcare. Please consult our provider website or web portal for any codes that may require prior authorization.

**Thank you for serving Molina members.  
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