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## ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers as a reminder regarding the reinstatement of Acupuncture Services as a Medi-Cal managed care benefit.

This notification is based on an All Plan Letter (APL) 16-015, which can be found in full on the DHCS website at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>

### BACKGROUND

As of July 1, 2016, MCPs must provide coverage and reimbursement for acupuncture services, subject to program and eligibility requirements as described in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual.

### POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS

Outpatient acupuncture services were reinstated as a Medi-Cal managed care benefit by the welfare and institutions code 14132 (WIC 14132).

Acupuncture services are covered to prevent, modify, or alleviate the perception of severe, persistent chronic pain resulting from a generally recognized medical condition. Outpatient acupuncture services (with or without electric stimulation of the needles) are limited to two services in any one calendar month per the Medi- Service reservation limitation (California Code of regulations, Title 22, Section 51304), although additional services can be provided based upon medical necessity through the MHC prior authorization process. There is no frequency limitation for beneficiaries receiving services through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, & Treatment program. Acupuncture services are reimbursable using Current Procedural Terminology-4 procedure codes 97810, 97811, 97813, or 97814 when rendered by a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or certified acupuncturist who is eligible to provide Medi-Cal services. One Medi- Service reservation must be reserved for each visit provided.

Please note that MHC is subject to State regulatory audits and is responsible for ensuring downstream compliance with State program initiatives and requirements. As such, PCPs and Independent Physician Associations (IPAs) must ensure that internal operations are consistent and compliant with these requirements. MHC may conduct periodic audits and request copies of applicable policies and procedures and/or documentation that demonstrates compliance within your organization. Failure to submit any requested documents may result in a Corrective Action Plan.

### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative at (855) 322-4075. Please refer to the extensions to the left.