

Chiropractic Manipulative Treatment

The following table identifies the CPT codes that represent the various levels of chiropractic manipulative treatment. For each code, the definition and the requirement for billing is provided:

CPT Code	Description	Documentation Requirement
98940	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT) involving one to two spinal regions	<p>Medical record must document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complaint involving at least one spinal region; 2. an examination of the corresponding spinal region(s); AND 3. a diagnosis and manipulative treatment of a condition involving at least one spinal region. <p>Claim must record a diagnosis code (ICD-9) in the applicable region(s).</p>
98941	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT) involving three to four spinal regions	<p>Medical record must document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complaint involving at least three spinal regions; 2. an examination of the corresponding spinal regions; AND 3. a diagnosis and manipulative treatment of conditions involving at least three spinal regions. <p>Claim must record a diagnosis codes (ICD-9) in all the applicable regions.</p>
98942	Chiropractic manipulative treatment (CMT) involving five spinal regions	<p>Medical record must document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complaint involving five spinal regions; 2. an examination of the corresponding spinal regions; AND 3. a diagnosis and manipulative treatment of conditions involving five spinal regions. <p>Claim must record a diagnosis codes (ICD-9) in all the applicable regions.</p>

Please take note that not only must multiple regions be treated, there must be a documented complaint in each region treated. Lack of a complaint in a manipulated region means that manipulation of that region was not medically necessary and a higher level of billing is not justified.

The Five Regions of the Spine are:

Cervical region, C1 to C7, including the atlanto-occipital joint

Thoracic, T1 through T12, including the costovertebral and costotransverse junctions

Lumbar region, L1 through L5

Sacral region, the sacrum, including the sacrococcygeal junction

Pelvic region, the sacroliliac joint and other pelvic articulations