

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 30.9
TITLE: OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE THERAPY

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(c)(2)(iv)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

98925-98929, 99201-99205, and 99211-99215

III. DESCRIPTION

Treatment of ailments by manipulation to detect and correct faulty structure based in part on the theory that the human body is capable of making its own remedies if its physical and physiological integrity is intact.

IV. POLICY

A. Osteopathic manipulative therapy is covered under CHAMPVA when determined to meet the CHAMPVA appropriate medical care concept.

B. The physical therapy limitations outlined in [Chapter 2, Section 30.1](#), *Physical Therapy*, should not be applied to osteopathic manipulation.

C. Medical necessity must be determined on a case-by-case basis.

D. The osteopathic manipulative therapy must be provided by or under the direct supervision of a Doctor of Osteopathy, and standard diagnostic language (such as in the ICD-9-CM) must be used. If the therapy is provided by an individual under the direct supervision of a Doctor of Osteopathy, the individual providing the therapy must meet the requirements for a CHAMPVA authorized individual provider.

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E. A separate charge for an evaluation and management (E/M) (99201-99205 or 99211-99215) may be allowed jointly with an osteopathic manipulation treatment (OMT) (98925-98929), when the OMT is provided on the same day, if it can be justified that the E/M is a significant, separately identifiable service.

END OF POLICY