

Massage Therapy – New Licensure

House Bill 662, the “Massage Therapy Licensing Act” will regulate the massage therapy profession and will become effective 7/1/10. Please see <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2009/billhtml/HB0662.htm> for more information.

Codes billable to Worker’s Compensation for massage therapy are:

97124 - Massage, including effleurage, petrissage and/or tapotement (stroking, compression, percussion) each 15 minutes (each 15 minutes = 1 unit). No more than 3 three 15-minute units in one day can be billed without prior authorization. Time must be documented in the note (and should match the number of units billed on the CMS 1500 form).

97010 – Application of a modality to **one or more areas**; hot/cold packs.

Services must be billed on a CMS 1500 form. Massage Therapy providers **must** apply for NPI and taxonomy numbers once they receive their license number as this information will be required for reimbursement. Visit <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/welcome.do> for more information. If you have questions regarding filling out the CMS 1500 form, please call a member of the Medical Team.

Be sure to contact the Claim Examiner assigned to an injured worker for authorization of services prior to providing massage services. Have the claim number ready and call 1-800-332-6102 and you will be connected to the appropriate party.

For further information regarding the rules for Occupational and Physical Therapy specialty area in the ARM, visit the DLI website at : <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/>. The website includes the Facility and Non-Facility fee schedule information as well as the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and the instruction set for the Non-facility fee schedule. If you have questions regarding the fee schedules, call 406-444-6530 and someone will direct you to a DLI representative.

To receive the Provider Bulletin please call or e-mail Kym Vonada, Medical Auditor at 406-444-6134, www.kvonanda@mt.gov,

To receive notices with regard to the rules that regulate worker’s compensation you may send a written request to PO Box 1728, Helena, MT, 59624-1728 or email to mcadwallader@mt.gov. They are currently working on treatment guidelines which could affect your area of services.

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