

**Payment Policies for Healthcare Services
Provided to Injured Workers and Crime Victims**

Chapter 19: Naturopathic Physicians

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Link: Look for possible **updates and corrections** to these payment policies at:

www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/Billing/FeeSched/2018/



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Definitions

- ▶ **Comprehensive office visit:** A general multisystem examination or a complete examination of a single system and treatment thereof.

L&I based this definition off of the CPT® definition for comprehensive office visit. Refer to a CPT® book for complete code descriptions, definitions, and guidelines.

- ▶ **Established patient:** One who has received professional services from the physician, or another physician of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice, within the past three years.

L&I uses the CPT® definition for established patients. Refer to a CPT® book for complete code descriptions, definitions, and guidelines.

- ▶ **Extended office visit:** i.e. expanded problem focused or detailed: includes either a limited examination of the affected body area and other symptomatic or related systems and treatment thereof OR an extended examination of the affected body areas and treatment thereof.

- ▶ **L&I based this definition off of CPT® definitions for expanded problem focused or detailed office visit. Refer to a CPT® book for complete code descriptions, definitions, and guidelines. New patient:** One who hasn't received any professional services from the physician, or another physician of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice, within the past three years.

L&I uses the CPT® definitions for new patients. Refer to a CPT® book for complete code descriptions, definitions, and guidelines.

- ▶ **Routine examination or office visit:** i.e. problem focused: includes a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and treatment thereof.

L&I based this definition off of the CPT® definitions for problem focused office visits. Refer to a CPT® book for complete code descriptions, definitions, and guidelines.



Payment policy: Naturopathic office visits

▶ Who must perform these services to qualify for payment

Naturopathic physicians must perform these services to qualify for payment.

▶ Services that can be billed

For **initial office visits**, these local billing codes can be billed:

- **2130A (Routine)** examination, history, and/or treatment – routine procedure – and submission of a report),
- **2131A (Extended)** office visit including treatment – report required), *and*
- **2132A (Comprehensive)** office visit including treatment – report required in addition to the report of accident).



Note: To determine whether or not a visit is an initial office visit, see the definition of **new patient** in “Definitions” at the beginning of this chapter.

For **follow up office visits**, these local billing codes can be billed:

- **2133A (Routine)** office visit including evaluation and/or treatment) *and*
- **2134A (Extended)** office visit including treatment – report required).



Note: To determine whether or not a visit is a follow up office visit, see the definition of **established patient** in Definitions at the beginning of this chapter.

▶ Services that aren't covered

The insurer won't pay naturopathic physicians for services that aren't specifically allowed, including consultations.



Link: For additional information, see: [WAC 296-23-205](#) and [WAC 296-23-215](#).

Treatment of chronic migraine or chronic tension-type headache with manipulation/manual therapy is not a covered benefit.



Link: The policy for Chronic Migraine or Chronic Tension-type Headache is available at:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/TreatingPatients/ByCondition/CovMedDev/SpecCovDec/ChronicMigraineTension.asp>

▶ Requirements for billing

When billing for services, naturopathic physicians should use:

- The local codes listed in this payment policy (under Services that can be billed) to bill for office visit services,
- CPT® codes **99367** and **99441-99444** to bill case management services, *and*
- The appropriate HCPCS codes to bill for miscellaneous materials and supplies.



Link: For details about **payment criteria and documentation requirements** for case management services, see the payment policies for Case management services in Chapter 10: [Evaluation and Management](#).



Links: Related topics

If you're looking for more information about...	Then go here:
Administrative rules for naturopathic physicians	Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296-23-205: http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=296-23-205 WAC 296-23-215: http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=296-23-215
Becoming an L&I provider	L&I's website: www.Lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/Becoming/
Billing instructions and forms	Chapter 2: Information for All Providers
Fee schedules for all healthcare services	L&I's website: http://feeschedules.Lni.wa.gov
Payment Policies for Evaluation and Management	Chapter 10: Evaluation and Management

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