



DATE: November 14, 2025  
TO: Interested Parties  
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Executive Director  
RE: CPT Codes and Scope of Practice

## MEMORANDUM

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE), the agency that regulates, licenses, and determines scope of practice for Oregon licensed Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs) and Certified Chiropractic Assistants (CAs), held a special board meeting on November 13, 2025, to hear public comment regarding recent policy updates, practices, and apparent confusion of certain health insurance carriers regarding which services are considered covered under a chiropractic license and chiropractic assistant certificate. Essentially, whether certain CPT codes associated with practice modalities are within the scope of practice for these licensed professionals.

The Board voted to issue this guidance for the purpose of clarification around scope of practice.

ORS 684.010 to 684.990 govern the practice of chiropractic in Oregon. ORS 684.010(2) defines “Chiropractic”, ORS 684.010(5) defines minor surgery, and ORS 684.155(1)(c) to (d) authorize the Board to establish standards for chiropractic assistants and the use of ancillary personnel. As such, the following modalities are within the scope of practice of DCs and CAs:

- 97010 - hot or cold pack therapy
- 97012 - mechanical traction
- 97014/G0283 - electrical stimulation (unattended)
- 97018 - paraffin bath therapy
- 97022 - whirlpool therapy
- 97024 - diathermy
- 97026 - infrared therapy
- 97032 - electrical stimulation (attended)
- 97035 - ultrasound
- 97110 - therapeutic exercise
- 97112 - neuromuscular re-education

97116 - gait training  
97124 - massage therapy  
97140 - manual therapy  
97530 - therapeutic activities  
97535 - self-care/home management training  
97760 - orthotic management and training, initial encounter  
97762 - orthotic checkout  
97763 - orthotic management, subsequent encounters  
9940x - preventive medicine counseling including but not limited to general healthy habits, diet, smoking, nursing/lactation, safe sex practices, vaccine information and counseling  
99401 - 15 mins  
99402 - 30 mins  
99403 - 45 mins  
99404 - 60 mins

The Board does not regulate CPT codes. These are provided for ease of reference.

*Please see ORS 684.010 – 684.990, ORS 684.155, OAR 811-010-0110, and the Guide to Practice and Policy Questions ([25-10-22\\_P&P.pdf](#)) for further information and authority on scope of practice.*