Acupuncture CPT quick reference

Core acupuncture codes, individual E/M codes and selected related services.

01 Core acupuncture codes

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SERVICE	INITIAL	ADD-ON
Manual acupuncture Without electrical stimulation	**97810** First 15 minutes of contact	**97811** Each additional 15 minutes
Electroacupuncture With electrical stimulation	**97813** First 15 minutes of contact	**97814** Each additional 15 minutes

The core codes count personal one-on-one contact with the patient.

Unattended needle time does not establish billable units.

Add-ons require needle reinsertion.

02 Selected related services

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97026	**Infrared application**	One or more areas
97140	**Manual therapy, each 15 minutes**	One or more regions

03 Office/outpatient E/M

[2, 4]

NEW PATIENT		ESTABLISHED PATIENT	
99202	Straightforward MDM; 15 min or more	**99211**	MDM and time do not apply
99203	Low MDM; 30 min or more	**99212**	Straightforward MDM; 10 min or more
99204	Moderate MDM; 45 min or more	**99213**	Low MDM; 20 min or more
99205	High MDM; 60 min or more	**99214**	Moderate MDM; 30 min or more
		99215	High MDM; 40 min or more

E/M = evaluation and management. MDM = medical decision making. Separate E/M with acupuncture: significant and separately identifiable. Check scope, provider eligibility and payer rules.

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[1] CMS MM13288: acupuncture codes

[2] UHC: acupuncture and separate E/M

[3] CMS A56566: outpatient therapy billing

[4] AAFP: office/outpatient E/M levels