



# Florida Medicaid

## **Pain Management Services Coverage Policy**

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Description

Florida Medicaid pain management services provide for the treatment of pain using nerve blocks or steroid injections.

#### 1.1.1 Florida Medicaid Policies

This policy is intended for use by providers that render pain management services to eligible Florida Medicaid recipients. It must be used in conjunction with Florida Medicaid's general policies (as defined in section 1.3) and any applicable service-specific and claim reimbursement policies with which providers must comply.

Note: All Florida Medicaid policies are promulgated in Rule Division 59G, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Coverage policies are available on the Agency for Health Care Administration's (AHCA) Web site at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>.

#### 1.1.2 Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Plans

This Florida Medicaid policy provides the minimum service requirements for all providers of pain management services. This includes providers who contract with Florida Medicaid managed care plans (i.e., provider service networks and health maintenance organizations). Providers must comply with the service coverage requirements outlined in this policy, unless otherwise specified in AHCA's contract with the Florida Medicaid managed care plan. The provision of services to recipients in a Florida Medicaid managed care plan must not be subject to more stringent service coverage limits than specified in Florida Medicaid policies.

### 1.2 Legal Authority

Pain management services are authorized by the following:

- Title XIX of the Social Security Act (SSA)
- Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 440 and 441
- Section 409.905, Florida Statutes (F.S.)
- Rule 59G-4.222, F.A.C.

### 1.3 Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this policy. For additional definitions that are applicable to all sections of Rule Division 59G, F.A.C., please refer to the Florida Medicaid definitions policy.

#### 1.3.1 Claim Reimbursement Policy

A policy document that provides instructions on how to bill for services.

#### 1.3.2 Coverage and Limitations Handbook or Coverage Policy

A policy document that contains coverage information about a Florida Medicaid service.

#### 1.3.3 General Policies

A collective term for Florida Medicaid policy documents found in Rule Chapter 59G-1 containing information that applies to all providers (unless otherwise specified) rendering services to recipients.

#### 1.3.4 Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity

As defined in Rule 59G-1.010, F.A.C.

#### 1.3.5 Provider

The term used to describe any entity, facility, person, or group that has been approved for enrollment or registered with Florida Medicaid.

### **1.3.6 Recipient**

For the purpose of this coverage policy, the term used to describe an individual enrolled in Florida Medicaid (including managed care plan enrollees).

## **2.0 Eligible Recipient**

### **2.1 General Criteria**

An eligible recipient must be enrolled in the Florida Medicaid program on the date of service and meet the criteria provided in this policy.

Provider(s) must verify each recipient's eligibility each time a service is rendered.

### **2.2 Who Can Receive**

Florida Medicaid recipients requiring medically necessary pain management services. Some services may be subject to additional coverage criteria as specified in section 4.0.

### **2.3 Coinsurance, Copayment, or Deductible**

Recipients are responsible for a \$2.00 copayment, per practitioner office visit, unless the recipient is exempt from copayment requirements or the copayment is waived by the Florida Medicaid managed care plan in which the recipient is enrolled. For information on copayment requirements and exemptions, please refer to Florida Medicaid's copayment and coinsurance policy.

## **3.0 Eligible Provider**

### **3.1 General Criteria**

Providers must be at least one of the following to be reimbursed for services rendered to eligible recipients:

- Enrolled directly with Florida Medicaid if providing services through a fee-for-service delivery system
- Enrolled directly or registered with Florida Medicaid if providing services through a managed care plan

### **3.2 Who Can Provide**

Practitioners licensed within their scope of practice to perform this service.

## **4.0 Coverage Information**

### **4.1 General Criteria**

Florida Medicaid reimburses for services that meet all of the following:

- Are determined medically necessary
- Do not duplicate another service
- Meet the criteria as specified in this policy

### **4.2 Specific Criteria**

Florida Medicaid reimburses for the following services in accordance with the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology and the applicable Florida Medicaid fee schedule(s), or as specified in this policy:

- Up to 12 facet joint injections, with or without steroids, performed under fluoroscopic guidance for the treatment of acute and chronic neck and low back pain in a six month period, per recipient, for the following:
  - Diagnostic trial to determine the origin of pain
  - Therapeutic injection when conservative treatment (oral medications, rest and limited activity, or physical therapy) has failed

- Up to four percutaneous radiofrequency neurolysis for long-term pain relief in a four month period, per recipient, when all of the following are met:
  - Low back or neck pain is suggestive of facet joint origin as documented in the recipient's history, physical and radiographic evaluations
  - Pain has failed to respond to conservative management (oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, rest and limited activity, or physical therapy) as documented in the medical record
  - A diagnostic temporary block and injections with local anesthetic of the facet nerve (medial branch block) under fluoroscopic guidance into the facet joint has resulted in at least fifty percent reduction in pain
  - A minimum of six months has elapsed since prior percutaneous radiofrequency neurolysis treatment
- Neuroplasty

#### **4.3 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment**

As required by federal law, Florida Medicaid provides services to eligible recipients under the age of 21 years, if such services are medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, a condition, or a physical or mental illness. Included are diagnostic services, treatment, equipment, supplies, and other measures described in section 1905(a) of the SSA, codified in Title 42 of the United States Code 1396d(a). As such, services for recipients under the age of 21 years exceeding the coverage described within this policy or the associated fee schedule may be approved, if medically necessary. For more information, please refer to Florida Medicaid's authorization requirements policy.

## **5.0 Exclusion**

### **5.1 General Non-Covered Criteria**

Services related to this policy are not reimbursed when any of the following apply:

- The service does not meet the medical necessity criteria listed in section 1.0
- The recipient does not meet the eligibility requirements listed in section 2.0
- The service unnecessarily duplicates another provider's service

### **5.2 Specific Non-Covered Criteria**

Florida Medicaid does not reimburse for the following:

- Services are not listed on the fee schedule
- Telephone communications with recipients, their representatives, caregivers, and other providers, except for services rendered in accordance with the Florida Medicaid telemedicine policy

## **6.0 Documentation**

### **6.1 General Criteria**

For information on general documentation requirements, please refer to Florida Medicaid's recordkeeping and documentation policy.

### **6.2 Specific Criteria**

There is no coverage-specific documentation requirement for this service.

## **7.0 Authorization**

### **7.1 General Criteria**

The authorization information described below is applicable to the fee-for-service delivery system, unless otherwise specified. For more information on general authorization requirements, please refer to Florida Medicaid's authorization requirements policy.

**7.2 Specific Criteria**

Providers must obtain authorization for pain management services from the quality improvement organization when indicated on the applicable Florida Medicaid fee schedule(s).

**8.0 Reimbursement**

**8.1 General Criteria**

The reimbursement information below is applicable to the fee-for-service delivery system, unless otherwise specified.

**8.2 Claim Type**

Professional (837P/CMS-1500)

**8.3 Billing Code, Modifier, and Billing Unit**

Providers must report the most current and appropriate billing code(s), modifier(s), and billing unit(s) for the service rendered, as incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4.002, F.A.C.

**8.4 Diagnosis Code**

Providers must report the most current and appropriate diagnosis code to the highest level of specificity that supports medical necessity, as appropriate for this service.

**8.5 Rate**

For a schedule of rates, as incorporated by reference in Rule 59G-4.002, F.A.C., visit the AHCA Web site at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>.

**8.5.1 Enhanced Reimbursement Rate**

Florida Medicaid reimburses pediatric surgery and urological specialty enrolled providers at the enhanced rate when indicated on the fee schedule.

**8.5.2 Global Surgery Package**

Florida Medicaid reimbursement includes all necessary services normally furnished by a surgeon before, during, and after a procedure in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' global surgery period specifications.

For more information, see the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/GlobalSurgery-ICN907166.pdf>