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601 Definitions

(A) New Patient – a patient who has not received any professional services from the provider within the past 3 years.

(B) Established Patient – a patient who has received professional services from the provider within the past 3 years.

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Service
Code

Service Description

Evaluation and Management Services

99202 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 15-29 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

99212 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 10-19 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

Acupuncture Treatment

97810 Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; without electrical stimulation, initial 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient

97811 Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; without electrical stimulation, each additional 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient, with re-insertion of needle(s) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

97813 Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; with electrical stimulation, initial 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient

97814 Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; with electrical stimulation, each additional 15 minutes of personal one-on-one contact with the patient, with re-insertion of needle(s) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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603 Codes that have Special Requirements or Limitations

The service codes in this section are payable by MassHealth with prior authorization (PA), subject to all conditions and limitations in MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 447.000 and 450.000: *Administrative and Billing Regulations*.

<u>Legend</u>	<u>Description</u>
PA	Service requires prior authorization. See 130 CMR 447.416 for more information.

<u>Service Code</u>	<u>Requirement or Limitation</u>
97810	PA for > 20 treatments per year
97811	PA for > 20 treatments per year
97813	PA for > 20 treatments per year
97814	PA for > 20 treatments per year