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The Office of Health Policy (OHP) is issuing this supplemental informational bulletin to clarify the use of massage therapy in the treatment of injured workers in hospital settings as well as outpatient settings.

Massage which is not performed in conjunction with a covered procedure as set forth in 114.1 CMR 41.00 or 114.3 CMR 40.00, is not considered a medical service subject to the MA utilization review regulations. MA Guidelines do not recognize massage therapy as a stand alone treatment for injured workers. Payment for treatment provided by massage therapists is at the discretion of the Insurer/Self-Insurer.

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