

Medical Policy:

Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain

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Note: This policy is applicable to EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare Medicare Plans. For EmblemHealth’s Medicare supplemental policy, see [Acupuncture — Medicare HMO Plans with Acupuncture Benefit](#).

Definitions

Acupuncture is the selection and manipulation of specific acupuncture points by penetrating the skin with fine needles.

Guideline

Effective for services performed on or after January 21, 2020, consistent with CMS, EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare will cover acupuncture for Medicare members with chronic low back pain under the medical benefit. Up to 12 visits in 90 days are covered for Medicare beneficiaries under the following circumstances:

- For the purpose of this policy, chronic low back pain (cLBP) is defined as:
 - Lasting 12 weeks or longer;
 - nonspecific, in that it has no identifiable systemic cause (i.e., not associated with metastatic, inflammatory, infectious, etc. disease);

- not associated with surgery; and
- not associated with pregnancy.
- An additional eight sessions will be covered for those patients demonstrating an improvement with prior authorization. No more than 20 acupuncture treatments may be administered annually.
- Treatment must be discontinued if the patient is not improving or is regressing.

Physicians (as defined in 1861(r)(1)) may furnish acupuncture in accordance with applicable state requirements.

Physician assistants, nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists (as identified in 1861(aa)(5)), and auxiliary personnel may furnish acupuncture if they meet all applicable state requirements and have:

- A masters or doctoral level degree in acupuncture or Oriental Medicine from a school accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM);
- and
- current, full, active, and unrestricted license to practice acupuncture in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth (i.e. Puerto Rico) of the United States, or District of Columbia.

Auxiliary personnel furnishing acupuncture must be under the appropriate level of supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist required by our regulations at 42 CFR §§ 410.26 and 410.27.

Procedure Codes

20560	Needle insertion(s) without injection(s); 1 or 2 muscle(s)
20561	Needle insertion(s) without injection(s); 3 or more muscles
97810	Acupuncture, 1 or more needles; with 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)

Diagnosis Codes

M40.36	Flatback syndrome, lumbar region
M40.37	Flatback syndrome, lumbosacral region
M40.46	Postural lordosis, lumbar region
M40.47	Postural lordosis, lumbosacral region
M40.56	Lordosis, unspecified, lumbar region
M40.57	Lordosis, unspecified, lumbosacral region

M41.26	Other idiopathic scoliosis, lumbar region
M41.27	Other idiopathic scoliosis, lumbosacral region
M41.56	Other secondary scoliosis, lumbar region
M41.57	Other secondary scoliosis, lumbosacral region
M42.16	Adult osteochondrosis of spine, lumbar region
M42.17	Adult osteochondrosis of spine, lumbosacral region
M43.06	Spondylolysis, lumbar region
M43.07	Spondylolysis, lumbosacral region
M43.16	Spondylolisthesis, lumbar region
M43.17	Spondylolisthesis, lumbosacral region
M43.26	Fusion of spine, lumbar region
M43.27	Fusion of spine, lumbosacral region
M43.5X6	Other recurrent vertebral dislocation, lumbar region
M43.5X7	Other recurrent vertebral dislocation, lumbosacral region
M43.8X6	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, lumbar region
M43.8X7	Other specified deforming dorsopathies, lumbosacral region
M47.16	Other spondylosis with myelopathy, lumbar region
M47.26	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbar region
M47.27	Other spondylosis with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M47.816	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbar region
M47.817	Spondylosis without myelopathy or radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M47.896	Other spondylosis, lumbar region
M47.897	Other spondylosis, lumbosacral region
M48.061	Spinal stenosis, lumbar region without neurogenic claudication
M48.062	Spinal stenosis, lumbar region with neurogenic claudication
M48.07	Spinal stenosis, lumbosacral region
M48.16	Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], lumbar region
M48.17	Ankylosing hyperostosis [Forestier], lumbosacral region
M48.26	Kissing spine, lumbar region
M48.27	Kissing spine, lumbosacral region
M48.36	Traumatic spondylopathy, lumbar region
M48.37	Traumatic spondylopathy, lumbosacral region
M48.8X6	Other specified spondylopathies, lumbar region
M48.8X7	Other specified spondylopathies, lumbosacral region
M51.06	Intervertebral disc disorders with myelopathy, lumbar region
M51.16	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbar region

M51.17	Intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M51.26	Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbar region
M51.27	Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbosacral region
M51.36	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbar region
M51.37	Other intervertebral disc degeneration, lumbosacral region
M51.46	Schmorl's nodes, lumbar region
M51.47	Schmorl's nodes, lumbosacral region
M51.86	Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbar region
M51.87	Other intervertebral disc disorders, lumbosacral region
M53.2X6	Spinal instabilities, lumbar region
M53.2X7	Spinal instabilities, lumbosacral region
M53.86	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbar region
M53.87	Other specified dorsopathies, lumbosacral region
M54.16	Radiculopathy, lumbar region
M54.17	Radiculopathy, lumbosacral region
M54.31	Sciatica, right side
M54.32	Sciatica, left side
M54.41	Lumbago with sciatica, right side
M54.42	Lumbago with sciatica, left side
M54.5	Low back pain (code invalid 09/30/2021)
M54.51	Vertebrogenic low back pain (eff. 10/01/2021)
M54.59	Other low back pain (eff. 10/01/2021)
S32.000A	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.000B	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.000D	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.000G	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.000K	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.000S	Wedge compression fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.001A	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.001B	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.001D	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.001G	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.001K	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.001S	Stable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela

S32.002A	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.002B	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.002D	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.002G	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.002K	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.002S	Unstable burst fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.008A	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.008B	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.008D	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.008G	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.008K	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.008S	Other fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.009A	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.009B	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.009D	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.009G	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.009K	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.009S	Unspecified fracture of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.010A	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.010B	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.010D	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.010G	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.010K	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.010S	Wedge compression fracture of first lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.011A	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.011B	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.011D	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.011G	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.011K	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.011S	Stable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.012A	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.012B	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.012D	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.012G	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.012K	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.012S	Unstable burst fracture of first lumbar vertebra, sequela

S32.018A	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.018B	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.018D	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.018G	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.018K	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.018S	Other fracture of first lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.019A	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.019B	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.019D	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.019G	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.019K	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.019S	Unspecified fracture of first lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.020A	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.020B	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.020D	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.020G	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.020K	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.020S	Wedge compression fracture of second lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.021A	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.021B	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.021D	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.021G	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.021K	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.021S	Stable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.022A	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.022B	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.022D	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.022G	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.022K	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.022S	Unstable burst fracture of second lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.028A	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.028B	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.028D	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.028G	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.028K	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.028S	Other fracture of second lumbar vertebra, sequela

S32.029A	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.029B	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.029D	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.029G	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.029K	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.029S	Unspecified fracture of second lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.030A	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.030B	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.030D	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.030G	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.030K	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.030S	Wedge compression fracture of third lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.031A	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.031B	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.031D	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.031G	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.031K	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.031S	Stable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.032A	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.032B	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.032D	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.032G	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.032K	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.032S	Unstable burst fracture of third lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.038A	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.038B	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.038D	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.038G	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.038K	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.038S	Other fracture of third lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.039A	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.039B	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.039D	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.039G	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.039K	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.039S	Unspecified fracture of third lumbar vertebra, sequela

S32.040A	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.040B	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.040D	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.040G	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.040K	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.040S	Wedge compression fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.041A	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.041B	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.041D	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.041G	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.041K	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.041S	Stable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.042A	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.042B	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.042D	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.042G	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.042K	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.042S	Unstable burst fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.048A	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.048B	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.048D	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.048G	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.048K	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.048S	Other fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.049A	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.049B	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.049D	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.049G	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.049K	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.049S	Unspecified fracture of fourth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.050A	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.050B	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.050D	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.050G	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.050K	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.050S	Wedge compression fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, sequela

S32.051A	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.051B	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.051D	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.051G	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.051K	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.051S	Stable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.052A	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.052B	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.052D	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.052G	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.052K	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.052S	Unstable burst fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.058A	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.058B	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.058D	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.058G	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.058K	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.058S	Other fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S32.059A	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for closed fracture
S32.059B	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, initial encounter for open fracture
S32.059D	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with routine healing
S32.059G	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with delayed healing
S32.059K	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter for fracture with nonunion
S32.059S	Unspecified fracture of fifth lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.0XXA	Traumatic rupture of lumbar intervertebral disc, initial encounter
S33.0XXD	Traumatic rupture of lumbar intervertebral disc, subsequent encounter
S33.0XXS	Traumatic rupture of lumbar intervertebral disc, sequela
S33.100A	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.100D	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.100S	Subluxation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.101A	Dislocation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.101D	Dislocation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.101S	Dislocation of unspecified lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.110A	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.110D	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.110S	Subluxation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, sequela

S33.111A	Dislocation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.111D	Dislocation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.111S	Dislocation of L1/L2 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.120A	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.120D	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.120S	Subluxation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.121A	Dislocation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.121D	Dislocation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.121S	Dislocation of L2/L3 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.130A	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.130D	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.130S	Subluxation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.131A	Dislocation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.131D	Dislocation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.131S	Dislocation of L3/L4 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.140A	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.140D	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.140S	Subluxation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.141A	Dislocation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, initial encounter
S33.141D	Dislocation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, subsequent encounter
S33.141S	Dislocation of L4/L5 lumbar vertebra, sequela
S33.5XXA	Sprain of ligaments of lumbar spine, initial encounter
S33.5XXD	Sprain of ligaments of lumbar spine, subsequent encounter
S33.5XXS	Sprain of ligaments of lumbar spine, sequela
S33.6XXA	Sprain of sacroiliac joint, initial encounter
S33.6XXD	Sprain of sacroiliac joint, subsequent encounter
S33.6XXS	Sprain of sacroiliac joint, sequela
S34.21XA	Injury of nerve root of lumbar spine, initial encounter
S34.21XD	Injury of nerve root of lumbar spine, subsequent encounter
S34.21XS	Injury of nerve root of lumbar spine, sequela
S34.22XA	Injury of nerve root of sacral spine, initial encounter
S34.22XD	Injury of nerve root of sacral spine, subsequent encounter
S34.22XS	Injury of nerve root of sacral spine, sequela
S39.002A	Unspecified injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, initial encounter
S39.002D	Unspecified injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, subsequent encounter
S39.002S	Unspecified injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, sequela

S39.012A	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, initial encounter
S39.012D	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, subsequent encounter
S39.012S	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, sequela
S39.022A	Laceration of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, initial encounter
S39.022D	Laceration of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, subsequent encounter
S39.022S	Laceration of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, sequela
S39.092A	Other injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, initial encounter
S39.092D	Other injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, subsequent encounter
S39.092S	Other injury of muscle, fascia and tendon of lower back, sequela

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Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
ConnectiCare	Aug. 12, 2022	ConnectiCare adopts the clinical criteria of its parent corporation EmblemHealth
EmblemHealth	Mar. 11, 2020	New policy