

Changes to Acupuncture Coverage for Commercial Members

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Effective **November 1, 2024**, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) updated its coverage guidelines for acupuncture services for our Commercial members. Prior authorization for acupuncture services related to select diagnoses was removed and replaced with a service limit of 12 visits per calendar year.

Please note this update impacts the Commercial line of business only.

Diagnoses and Applicable Codes Eligible for Coverage

Diagnosis*	Applicable Diagnosis Code
Chronic Lower Back Pain	M54.16 to M54.18, M54.3 to M54.59
Migraines	G43 to G43.E19
Fibromyalgia	M79.7

*Services for diagnoses not listed in the above table will be considered a non-covered benefit.

For more information on these changes, please refer to the [Acupuncture Services Payment Policy](#) available on our website. If you have any questions about this notification, please contact our Provider Services team at 1-800-963-1001.