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***Acupuncture Services Payment Policy for Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island  
Commercial Members***

February 1, 2022

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) has recently created an Acupuncture Services Payment Policy for Commercial Members. Although this is a new payment policy for Commercial members, this is not a new benefit.

- The [Acupuncture Services Payment Policy](#) outlines the scope, coverage, and billing guidelines for acupuncture services for Neighborhood Commercial members. Neighborhood Medicaid and INTEGRITY (MMP) billing guidance for acupuncture services in lieu of medications or invasive procedures for chronic pain, is outlined in Neighborhood's [In Lieu of Services Payment Policy](#).

It is the provider's responsibility to verify eligibility, coverage, and authorization criteria prior to rendering services. All services must be medically necessary to qualify for reimbursement.

All Neighborhood payment policies, including the Acupuncture Services Payment Policy and In Lieu of Services Payment Policy, are published on the [Billing Guidelines and Payment Policies](#) webpage. If you have any questions about this notice or its contents, please call Neighborhood Provider Services at 1-800-963-1001.

**The above information was sent in a formal notification to all Neighborhood contracted acupuncture providers via USPS on January 31, 2022. To receive important news and information via email on matters such as new initiatives, policy changes, and more, please [click here](#) to register your email address.**