Spinal Manipulation Under Anesthesia

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Purpose:

The Medical Technology Assessment Committee will review published scientific literature and information from appropriate government regulatory bodies (when available) related to *Spinal Manipulation Under Anesthesia* in order to determine inclusion in the benefit plan.

Recommendation:

A recommendation was made by the MTAC following discussion by committee members based on current literature:

- *Spinal Manipulation Under Anesthesia* is considered investigational and therefore, not a covered benefit.
- Other forms of manipulation under anesthesia might be covered when performed by a qualified Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

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