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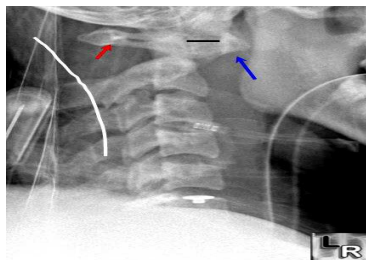
Billing for Modalities

Billing Blue Shield CMT and Manual Therapy on the same day?

- Kristine Shultz from the CCA suggests using 97140 on the same date as the CMT 98940-41. Using the -59 Modifier should solve any dispute. Plus your chart notes need to show a different anatomical region was treated.
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Unattended Services

- Sam Collins suggest that to avoid not getting paid on for unattended services, they may be billed only once per office visit, regardless of the time spent or number of regions of application. The reason is Necessity of Service. CIGNA states that passive protocols “are most effective during the acute phase of treatment...” for Sam’s complete article contact JohnTawlian@shawnsteel.com



**Free Monthly Teleconference
Wednesday, April 28 @ 1:00 pm**

**Proving Serious Unusual Injuries –
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Two Auto Cases -Winner and Loser

**Lucy-Warner vs. Valdonato
WINNER**

Cherryl Lucy-Wagner proved she got a bulging disc at L4-5 and required epidural injections. The defendant blew a stop sign—colliding with plaintiff.

Cherryl was cared for by Christopher Kim, DC. Kim referred his patient to Sam Bakshian MD, orthopedics, who agreed with the Kim’s diagnosis.

State Farm hired both Doug Kiester MD, orthopedic and Stephen Rothman MD, radiology to argue that the injuries were minimal.

The jury awarded \$ 152,099 to Cherryl. Plaintiff demanded \$149,000. Defendant offered \$80,000. LA Superior Ct, Chatsworth, Judge Oldendorf. PC 042959

**Lisa Scavone vs. Merrick
LOSER**

Lisa Scavone, while driving on the Glendale Freeway, stopped safely for an out of control car in front of her. She called 411, turned on her warning flashers and waited for help, while sitting on the freeway.

She claimed right shoulder, cervical and lumbar pain.

Scavone demanded \$40,000. Defense offered \$8000. The jury found for defendant. LA Superior Court BC394423

**Practice Tips: 1. A team approach to prove injuries is always better.
2. Just getting hit in the rear doesn’t excuse getting out of the way.**