Spine surgery, minimally invasive

Blue Care Network provides coverage for this procedure for adult BCN Advantage members in an outpatient or clinic setting who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through e-referral.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. Compliance with this prior authorization requirement will be monitored retrospectively.

**Applicable codes:** G0276

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

**Q** Does the patient have symptomatic lumbar spinal stenosis that has been unresponsive to conservative treatment?

**A** Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

**Q** Will the procedure be performed with an FDA approved device that completed a CMS approved randomized clinical trial?

**A** Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A

**Q** Is the patient participating in a Medicare approved clinical study for percutaneous image-guided lumbar decompression for lumbar spinal stenosis (PILD)?

**A** Possible answers: □ Yes □ No □ N/A