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# Musculoskeletal procedure codes that require authorization by TurningPoint

For Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup>, Blue Care Network commercial and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup>

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This document shows the codes associated with orthopedic, pain management and spinal procedures that are managed by TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions LLC.

Note: The codes in this document require prior authorization only for musculoskeletal procedures. When performed for non-musculoskeletal procedures, you don't need to request prior authorization through TurningPoint.

Click a link to access a list of procedure codes:

- [Orthopedic procedure codes](#)
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These lists are updated from time to time and are subject to members' benefits, to medical policy changes and to updates to American Medical Association coding guidelines.

TurningPoint manages prior authorizations for the following groups and members:

Line of business	Groups or members
Blue Cross commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All fully insured groups</li> <li>• Select self-funded groups — This includes UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members</li> <li>• All members with individual coverage</li> </ul> <p>Note: To determine which Blue Cross commercial members require prior authorization, see the document titled <a href="#">Determining whether procedure codes require prior authorization for a member</a>.</p>
Medicare Plus Blue	All members
BCN commercial	All members
BCN Advantage	All members

## Orthopedic procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on prior authorization requests for the following orthopedic procedure codes.

Note: Some of the procedure codes below don't require authorization for members with Blue Cross commercial coverage because the codes are nonpayable. We've identified those codes through footnotes in the following table.



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Codes					
*0707T <sup>(2),(3)</sup>	*20985 <sup>(2)</sup>	*23040	*23044	*23100	*23101
*23105	*23106	*23107	*23120	*23125	*23130 <sup>(1)</sup>
*23190	*23195	*23333	*23334	*23335	*23395
*23397	*23400	*23405	*23406	*23410 <sup>(1)</sup>	*23412 <sup>(1)</sup>
*23415 <sup>(1)</sup>	*23420 <sup>(1)</sup>	*23430	*23440	*23450	*23455 <sup>(1)</sup>
*23460	*23462	*23465	*23466	*23470	*23472
*23473	*23474	*23616	*23700	*23800	*23802
*24160	*24164	*24300	*24360	*24361	*24362
*24363	*24365	*24366	*24370	*24371	*25332
*25441	*25442	*25443	*25444	*25445	*25446
*25800	*25805	*25810	*25820	*25825	*27033
*27090	*27091	*27120	*27122	*27125	*27130
*27132	*27134	*27137	*27138	*27146	*27147
*27151	*27156	*27158	*27161	*27236	*27275
*27282	*27284	*27286	*27299	*27331	*27332
*27333	*27403	*27405	*27407	*27409	*27412
*27415	*27416	*27418	*27420	*27422	*27424
*27425 <sup>(1)</sup>	*27427	*27428	*27429	*27437	*27438
*27440	*27441	*27442	*27443	*27445	*27446
*27447	*27486	*27487	*27488	*27570	*27580
*27599	*27700	*27702	*27703	*27704	*27860
*27870	*28446	*29805	*29806 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29807	*29819
*29820 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29821 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29822	*29823	*29824	*29825
*29826 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29827 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29828	*29850	*29851	*29855
*29856	*29860	*29861	*29862	*29863	*29866
*29867	*29868	*29870	*29871	*29873	*29874
*29875	*29876	*29877	*29879	*29880 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29881 <sup>(1)</sup>
*29882 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29883 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29884	*29885	*29886	*29887



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Codes					
*29888	*29889	*29899	*29914	*29915	*29916
*29999	G0289	J7330	S2112	S2118	

<sup>(1)</sup>Blue Cross and BCN allow certain procedure codes to be substituted for this procedure code. See the “Procedure code substitutions” section on page 6.

<sup>(2)</sup>This procedure code doesn’t require prior authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

<sup>(3)</sup>TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members for dates of service on or after March 27, 2022.

## Pain management procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on prior authorization requests for the following pain management procedure codes.

Note: Some of the procedure codes below don’t require authorization for members with Blue Cross commercial coverage because the codes are nonpayable. We’ve identified those codes through footnotes in the table below.

Pain management procedure codes fall into these categories:

- [Epidural steroid injections](#)
- [Facet joint injections](#)
- [Neuroablation](#)
- [Sacroiliac joint injections](#)

## Epidural steroid injections

Codes					
*0228T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0229T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0230T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0231T <sup>(1)</sup>	*62320	*62321
*62322	*62323	*64479	*64480	*64483	*64484

<sup>(1)</sup>This procedure code doesn’t require prior authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

## Facet joint injections

Codes					
*0213T	*0214T	*0215T	*0216T	*0217T	*0218T
*64490	*64491	*64492	*64493	*64494	*64495



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## Neuroablation

Codes					
*64625 <sup>(1)</sup>	*64628 <sup>(1),(2)</sup>	*64629 <sup>(1),(2)</sup>	*64633	*64634	*64635
*64636	*64640				

<sup>(1)</sup> This procedure code doesn't require authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

<sup>(2)</sup> TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members for dates of service on or after March 27, 2022.

## Sacroiliac joint injections

Codes					
G0260					

## Spinal procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on prior authorization requests for the following spinal procedure codes.

Note: Some of the procedure codes below don't require authorization for members with Blue Cross commercial coverage because the codes are nonpayable. We've identified those codes through footnotes in the table below.

Codes					
*0098T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0163T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0164T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0165T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0200T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0201T <sup>(1)</sup>
*0202T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0219T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0220T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0221T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0222T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0274T <sup>(1)</sup>
*0275T <sup>(1)</sup>	*0656T <sup>(1),(4)</sup>	*0657T <sup>(1),(4)</sup>	*20930	*20931	*20936
*20937	*20938	*20939	*22100	*22101	*22102
*22103	*22110	*22112	*22114	*22116	*22206
*22207	*22208	*22210	*22212	*22214	*22216
*22220	*22222	*22224	*22226	*22325	*22326
*22327	*22328	*22510	*22511	*22512	*22513
*22514	*22515	*22532	*22533	*22534	*22548
*22551 <sup>(2)</sup>	*22552	*22554 <sup>(2)</sup>	*22556	*22558	*22585
*22586 <sup>(1)</sup>	*22590	*22595	*22600	*22610	*22612
*22614	*22630 <sup>(2)</sup>	*22632	*22633 <sup>(2)</sup>	*22634	*22800



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Codes					
*22802	*22804	*22808	*22810	*22812	*22818
*22819	*22830	*22840	*22841	*22842	*22843
*22844	*22845	*22846	*22847	*22848	*22849
*22850	*22852	*22853	*22854	*22855	*22856
*22857 <sup>(1)</sup>	*22858	*22859	*22861	*22862 <sup>(1)</sup>	*22864
*22865	*22867	*22868	*22869	*22870	*22899
*27279	*27280	*62287 <sup>(1)</sup>	*62350	*62351	*62360
*62361	*62362	*62365	*62380 <sup>(1)</sup>	*63001	*63003
*63005	*63011	*63012	*63015	*63016	*63017
*63020	*63030	*63035	*63040	*63042	*63043
*63044	*63045	*63046	*63047 <sup>(2)</sup>	*63048	*63050
*63051	*63052 <sup>(5)</sup>	*63053 <sup>(5)</sup>	*63055	*63056	*63057
*63064	*63066	*63075	*63076	*63077	*63078
*63081	*63082	*63085	*63086	*63087	*63088
*63090	*63091	*63101	*63102	*63103	*63170
*63172	*63173	*63185	*63190	*63191	*63194 <sup>(3)</sup>
*63195 <sup>(3)</sup>	*63196 <sup>(3)</sup>	*63197	*63198 <sup>(3)</sup>	*63199 <sup>(3)</sup>	*63200
*63250	*63251	*63252	*63265	*63266	*63267
*63268	*63270	*63271	*63272	*63273	*63275
*63276	*63277	*63278	*63280	*63281	*63282
*63283	*63285	*63286	*63287	*63290	*63295
*63300	*63301	*63302	*63303	*63304	*63305
*63306	*63307	*63308	*63650	*63655	*63661
*63662	*63663	*63664	*63685	*63688	C1062 <sup>(1)</sup>
C1767 <sup>(1),(6)</sup>	C1772 <sup>(1)</sup>	C1778 <sup>(1)</sup>	C1787	C1816 <sup>(1)</sup>	C1820 <sup>(1)</sup>
C1822	C1883 <sup>(1)</sup>	C1891 <sup>(1)</sup>	C1897 <sup>(1)</sup>	C2626 <sup>(1)</sup>	C9757 <sup>(1)</sup>
E0782 <sup>(1)</sup>	E0783	E0785 <sup>(1)</sup>	E0786	L8679	L8680
L8681	L8682	L8683	L8685	L8686	L8687



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Codes					
L8688	L8689	L8695	S2348 <sup>(1)</sup>	S2350	S2351

- <sup>(1)</sup>This procedure code doesn't require prior authorization for any Blue Cross commercial member.
- <sup>(2)</sup>Blue Cross and BCN allow certain procedure codes to be substituted for this procedure code. See the "Procedure code substitutions" section on page 6.
- <sup>(3)</sup>TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2021. For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2022, this code doesn't require authorization.
- <sup>(4)</sup>TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members for dates of service on or after March 27, 2022.
- <sup>(5)</sup>TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members for dates of service on or after March 27, 2022.
- <sup>(6)</sup>TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members for dates of service on or after June 1, 2020, through March 25, 2023. TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue members for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2021, through March 25, 2023. For dates of service on or after March 26, 2023, this procedure code doesn't require prior authorization.

## Procedure code substitutions

In some situations, you may not know which orthopedic or spinal procedure will be required in advance of a surgery or the surgical plan may change intraoperatively. As a result, the procedure code TurningPoint authorized may not represent the procedure that was actually performed.

Prior to submitting claims for these procedures, you'll need to determine whether you can substitute the code for the procedure that was actually performed for the code TurningPoint authorized. If you can substitute the code, you won't need to contact TurningPoint to update the procedure coding.

To learn how to determine whether you can submit a substitute code and to view the list of codes that allow substitutions, see the [Musculoskeletal procedure code substitutions for orthopedic and spinal surgeries](#) document.

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