

## Musculoskeletal procedure codes that require authorization by TurningPoint

For Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue<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.

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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.

### Orthopedic procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on authorization requests for orthopedic procedures as follows:

- Blue Cross commercial —
  - All fully insured groups, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
  - Select self-funded groups — Groups were eligible to join this program for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**.

Note: This includes UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members, for dates of service on or after **May 31, 2021**; providers can submit authorization requests to TurningPoint for URMBS members starting on May 3, 2021.

- All members with individual coverage, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**

Notes:

- 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.
- To determine whether you need to submit prior authorization requests for Blue Cross commercial members, see "How do I know if I need to request prior authorization from TurningPoint for members who have coverage through Blue Cross commercial plans?" in the [Musculoskeletal procedure authorizations: Frequently asked questions for providers](#) document.

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- Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> members, for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2020**
- BCN commercial members, for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2020**
- BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup> members, for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2020**

Codes					
*20985 <sup>(3)</sup>	*23040	*23044	*23100	*23101	*23105
*23106	*23107	*23120	*23125	*23130 <sup>(2)</sup>	*23190
*23195	*23333	*23334	*23335	*23395	*23397
*23400	*23405	*23406	*23410 <sup>(2)</sup>	*23412 <sup>(2)</sup>	*23415 <sup>(2)</sup>
*23420 <sup>(2)</sup>	*23430	*23440	*23450	*23455 <sup>(2)</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>(2)</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>(2)</sup>	*29807	*29819	*29820 <sup>(2)</sup>
*29821 <sup>(2)</sup>	*29822	*29823	*29824	*29825	*29826 <sup>(2)</sup>
*29827 <sup>(2)</sup>	*29828 <sup>(1)</sup>	*29850	*29851	*29855	*29856

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*29860	*29861	*29862	*29863	*29866	*29867
*29868	*29870	*29871	*29873	*29874	*29875
*29876	*29877	*29879	*29880 <sup>(2)</sup>	*29881 <sup>(2)</sup>	*29882 <sup>(2)</sup>
*29883 <sup>(2)</sup>	*29884	*29885	*29886	*29887	*29888
*29889	*29899	*29914	*29915	*29916	*29999
G0289	J7330	S2112	S2118		

<sup>(1)</sup>Effective March 1, 2021, TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

<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 7.

<sup>(3)</sup>This procedure code doesn’t require prior authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

## Pain management procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on authorization requests for pain management procedures as follows:

- Blue Cross commercial
  - All fully insured groups, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
  - Select self-funded groups — Groups were eligible to join this program for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**.

Note: This includes UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members, for dates of service on or after **May 31, 2021**; providers can submit authorization requests to TurningPoint for URMBS members starting on May 3, 2021.

- All members with individual coverage, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**

Notes:

- 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 tables below.
- To determine whether you need to submit prior authorization requests for Blue Cross commercial members, see “How do I know if I need to request prior authorization from TurningPoint for members who have coverage through Blue

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Cross commercial plans?” in the [Musculoskeletal procedure authorizations: Frequently asked questions for providers](#) document.

- Medicare Plus Blue, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
- BCN commercial, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
- BCN Advantage, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**

Pain management procedure codes fall into these categories:

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

## 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

## Neuroablation

Codes					
*64625 <sup>(1)</sup>	*64633	*64634	*64635	*64636	*64640

<sup>(1)</sup>Effective March 1, 2021, TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members. This code doesn't require authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

## Sacroiliac joint injections

Codes					
G0260					

## Spinal procedure codes

TurningPoint makes determinations on authorization requests for spinal procedures as follows:

- Blue Cross commercial —
  - All fully insured groups, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
  - Select self-funded groups — Groups were eligible to join this program for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**.

Note: This includes UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members, for dates of service on or after **May 31, 2021**; providers can submit authorization requests to TurningPoint for URMBT members starting on May 3, 2021.

- All members with individual coverage, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**

Notes:

- Some of the 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.
- To determine whether you need to submit prior authorization requests for Blue Cross commercial members, see "How do I know if I need to request prior authorization from TurningPoint for members who have coverage through Blue Cross commercial plans?" in the [Musculoskeletal procedure authorizations: Frequently asked questions for providers](#) document.
- Medicare Plus Blue, for dates of service on or after **Jan. 1, 2021**
- BCN commercial, for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2020**
- BCN Advantage, for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2020**

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Codes					
*0098T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0163T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0164T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0165T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0200T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0201T <sup>(4)</sup>
*0202T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0219T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0220T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0221T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0222T <sup>(4)</sup>	*0274T <sup>(4)</sup>
*0275T <sup>(4)</sup>	*20930	*20931	*20936	*20937	*20938
*20939 <sup>(1)</sup>	*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>(3)</sup>	*22552
*22554 <sup>(3)</sup>	*22556	*22558	*22585	*22586 <sup>(4)</sup>	*22590
*22595	*22600	*22610	*22612	*22614	*22630 <sup>(3)</sup>
*22632	*22633 <sup>(3)</sup>	*22634	*22800	*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>(4)</sup>	*22858
*22859	*22861	*22862 <sup>(4)</sup>	*22864	*22865	*22867
*22868	*22869	*22870	*22899	*27279 <sup>(5)</sup>	*27280
*62287 <sup>(4)</sup>	*62350	*62351	*62360	*62361	*62362
*62365	*62367	*62368	*62369 <sup>(1)</sup>	*62370 <sup>(1)</sup>	*62380 <sup>(4)</sup>
*63001	*63003	*63005	*63011	*63012	*63015
*63016	*63017	*63020	*63030	*63035	*63040
*63042	*63043	*63044	*63045	*63046	*63047 <sup>(3)</sup>
*63048	*63050	*63051	*63055	*63056	*63057
*63064	*63066	*63075	*63076	*63077	*63078
*63081	*63082	*63085	*63086	*63087	*63088
*63090	*63091	*63101	*63102	*63103	*63170

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*63172	*63173	*63185	*63190	*63191	*63194
*63195	*63196	*63197	*63198	*63199	*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>(2)</sup>
C1767 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1772 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1778 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1787	C1816 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1820 <sup>(4)</sup>
C1822	C1883 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1891 <sup>(4)</sup>	C1897 <sup>(4)</sup>	C2626 <sup>(4)</sup>	C9757 <sup>(4)</sup>
E0782 <sup>(4)</sup>	E0783	E0785 <sup>(4)</sup>	E0786	L8679	L8680
L8681	L8682	L8683	L8685	L8686	L8687
L8688	L8689	L8695	S2348 <sup>(4)</sup>	S2350	S2351

<sup>(1)</sup>Effective March 1, 2021, TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

<sup>(2)</sup>Effective March 1, 2021, TurningPoint reviews this procedure code for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members. This code doesn't require authorization for Blue Cross commercial members.

<sup>(3)</sup>Blue Cross and BCN allow certain procedure codes to be substituted for this procedure code. See the "Procedure code substitutions" section on page 7.

<sup>(4)</sup>This procedure code doesn't require prior authorization for any Blue Cross commercial member.

<sup>(5)</sup>This procedure code doesn't require prior authorization for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust non-Medicare members.

### 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.



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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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