

TurningPoint to allow additional substitutions for orthopedic procedure codes

For dates of service on or after Sept. 10, 2021, TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions LLC will allow the following additional procedure code substitutions for orthopedic procedures:

Authorized procedure code	Substitution code
*23430	*29828
*29828	*23430
*29885	*29887
*29887	*29885

We updated the [Musculoskeletal procedure code substitutions for orthopedic and spinal surgeries](#) document to include this information.

As a reminder, TurningPoint manages authorizations for orthopedic, pain management and spinal procedures for the following:

- Blue Cross commercial* — All fully insured groups, select self-funded groups and all members with individual coverage
- Medicare Plus BlueSM members
- BCN commercial members
- BCN AdvantageSM members

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**To determine whether you need to submit prior authorization requests for Blue Cross commercial members, see the document titled [Determining whether Blue Cross commercial members require prior authorization for musculoskeletal surgeries and related procedures](#).