



## 2018 Spine Surgery Authorization and CPT Coding Reference Guide

### 1. PROCEDURES WITHIN PROCEDURES

**Does the ordering surgeon need a separate request for all spine procedures being performed during the same surgery on the same date of service?**

*No. Magellan Healthcare will provide a list of Surgery categories to choose from and the Surgeon must select the most complex Surgery being performed as the Primary Surgery.*

**Example: Lumbar Fusion**

*If the Surgeon is planning a single level Lumbar Spine Fusion with decompression, the Surgeon will select the Single Level fusion procedure. The Surgeon does not need to request a separate authorization for the decompression procedure being performed as part of the Lumbar Fusion Surgery. This is included in the Lumbar Fusion request.*

**Example: Decompression**

*If a Surgeon is planning Laminectomy with a Microdiscectomy, the Surgeon will select the Lumbar decompression procedure. The Surgeon does not need to request a separate authorization for the Microdiscectomy procedure.*

### 2. MULTIPLE CPT CODES

**Will the ordering Physician need to enter each CPT procedure code being performed for Spine Surgery?**

No. Magellan Healthcare will provide a list of surgery categories to choose from and the ordering physician must select the primary surgery (most invasive/complex) being performed.

**Are instrumentation (medical device), bone grafts, and bone marrow aspiration included as part of the lumbar or cervical fusion authorizations?**

Yes. The instrumentation (medical device), bone grafts, and bone marrow aspiration procedures commonly performed in conjunction with a single or multiple level lumbar or cervical spine fusion are included in the fusion surgery authorization. The amount of instrumentation must align with the authorization.

### 3. MULTIPLE SURGEONS/PRACTITIONERS:

**Does the assistant surgeon need an authorization?**

No. It is common for two professionals (surgeons) to be involved in a spine surgery case. The authorization covers more than one professional billing for the service.

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The following pages provides a summary of which CPT codes and procedures are associated with the *Primary Surgery* authorization

<b>Cervical Spine Surgery</b>		
<i>Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any at the time the service is delivered.</i>		
<b>Authorization Primary Surgical Procedure and CPT Codes</b>	<b>Additional Surgical Procedures Covered for Decompressions and Fusions</b>	<b>Other Ancillary Procedures Covered by Authorization</b>
<i>Magellan/NIA provides authorization for <u>primary surgery</u> requested. Any of the listed CPT code procedures codes can be submitted on the claim for the authorized procedure. *Parent code authorized for primary surgery highlighted in yellow</i>	<i>There are multiple procedures associated with a spine surgery. Magellan/NIA provides an authorization for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested. However, associated surgery procedures are covered by the authorization. Examples below</i>	<i>The instrumentation (medical device), bone grafts, and bone marrow aspiration are procedures commonly performed in conjunction with a single or multiple level lumbar or cervical spines. Examples below: Note: This is not an extensive listing of <b>all</b> procedures that may be covered with the primary procedure.</i>
<b>Anterior Cervical Decompression (without fusion)</b> 63075, +63076		<b>Vertebral Corpectomy:</b> 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 <b>Instrumentation:</b> +22859
<b>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion (ACDF) —Single Level</b> 22548, 22551, 22554	<b>Decompression (rare)</b> 63075	<b>Vertebral Corpectomy:</b> 63081, 63082, 63300, 63304, 63308 <b>Instrumentation:</b> +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration:</b> 20939
<b>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion (ACDF)—Multiple Level</b> 22548, 22551, 22554, +22552, +22585	<b>Decompression (rare)</b> 63075, 63076  <b>Single Level Fusion (ACDF)</b> 22548, 22551, 22554	<b>Vertebral Corpectomy:</b> 63081, 63082, 63300, 63304, 63308 <b>Instrumentation:</b> +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration:</b> 20939
<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)</b> 63001, 63015, 63020,+63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051		
<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion— Single Level**</b> 22590, 22595, 22600	<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression (for single level fusion)</b> 63001, 63020, 63040, 63045, 63050	<b>Instrumentation:</b> +22840, +22841 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937
<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion— Multiple Levels **</b> 22590, 22595, 22600, +22614	<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression</b> 63001, 63015, 63020,+63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051	<b>Instrumentation:</b> +22840, +22841, +22842, +22843, +22844 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937

	<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion:</b> 22590, 22595, 22600	
<b>Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level</b> 22856, 22861, 22864	<i>If removal of artificial disc is (22864) authorization to include Fusion 22554</i>	<i>If removal of artificial disc (22864) authorization to include : Instrumentation: 22845, ,22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</i>
<b>Cervical Artificial Disc -Two Levels</b> 22858, 0098T, 0095T	<i>Single Level : 22856, 22861, 22864 If removal of artificial disc (22864 with 0095T) authorization to include :Fusion :22554</i>	<i>If removal of artificial disc (22864 with 0095T) authorization to include : Instrumentation: 22845 ,22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</i>

<b>Lumbar Spine Surgery</b>		
<i>Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any at the time the service is delivered.</i>		
<b>Authorization Primary Surgical Procedure and CPT Codes</b>	<b>Additional Surgical Procedures Covered for Decompressions and Fusions</b>	<b>Other Ancillary Procedures Covered by Authorization</b>
<i>Magellan/NIA provides authorization for <u>primary surgery</u> requested. Any of the listed CPT code procedures codes can be submitted on the claim for the authorized procedure. *Parent code authorized for primary surgery highlighted in yellow</i>	<i>There are multiple procedures associated with a spine surgery. Magellan/NIA provides an authorization for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested. However, associated surgery procedures are covered by the authorization. Examples below</i>	<i>The instrumentation (medical device), bone grafts, and bone marrow aspiration are procedures commonly performed in conjunction with a single or multiple level lumbar or cervical spines. Examples below. Note: This is not an extensive listing of <b>all</b> procedures that may be covered with the primary procedure.</i>
<b>Lumbar Microdiscectomy</b> 63030, +63035, 62380		
<b>Lumbar Decompression</b> 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	<b>Microdiscectomy:</b> 63030, +63035,62380	
<b>Lumbar Fusion—Single Level**</b> 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633	<b>Decompression Procedures:</b> 63030, +63035, 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057,62380	<b>Instrumentation:</b> +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration:</b> 20939
<b>Lumbar Fusion—Multiple Levels**</b> +22534, +22585, +22614, +22632, +22634	<b>Single Level Fusion:</b> 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633 <b>Decompression Procedures:</b> 63030, +63035, 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057,62380	<b>Instrumentation:</b> +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853 <b>Bone Grafts:</b> +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration:</b> 20939

\*The **parent code** is the primary procedure code provided to the health plan for authorization and claims payment. The other procedure codes associated with **parent code** are included as part in the authorization.