



Magellan – NIA
2019 ConnectiCare Spine Surgery Procedures
Frequently Asked Questions and
Surgery Authorization and CPT Code 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/Decompression 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.

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

Cervical Spine Surgery		
<i>Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any at the time the service is delivered.</i>		
Authorization Primary Surgical Procedure and CPT Codes	Additional Surgical Procedures Covered for Decompressions and Fusions	Other Ancillary Procedures Covered by Authorization
<i>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. NIA provides an authorization for the <u>primary</u> surgery 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:</i>
Anterior Cervical Decompression (without fusion) 63075, +63076		Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308
Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion (ACDF) —Single Level 22548, 22551, 22554	Decompression (rare) 63075	Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, 63082, 63300, 63304, 63308 Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, +22851 Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939
Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion (ACDF)—Multiple Level 22548, 22551, 22554, +22552, +22585	Decompression (rare) 63075, 63076 Single Level Fusion (ACDF) 22548, 22551, 22554	Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, 63082, 63300, 63304, 63308 Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, +22851 Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939
Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion) 63001, 63015, 63020,+63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051		
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion— Single Level** 22590, 22595, 22600	Cervical Posterior Decompression (for single level fusion) 63001, 63020, 63040, 63045, 63050	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion— Multiple Levels ** 22590, 22595, 22600, +22614	Cervical Posterior Decompression 63001, 63015, 63020,+63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051 Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion 22590, 22595, 22600	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22843, +22844 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937
Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level 22856, 22861, 22864	Fusion 22554 If removal of artificial disc is (22864) authorization	Instrumentation: 22845, 22851 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938

Cervical Artificial Disc - Multiple Level 22858, 0375T, 0098T	Fusion (if removal of artificial disc is (22864) authorization) 22558 <i>Benefit Exclusion for Exchange Plans</i>	Instrumentation: 22845, 22851 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938
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<p align="center">Lumbar Spine Surgery</p> <p align="center"><i>Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any at the time the service is delivered.</i></p>		
<p align="center">Authorization</p> <p align="center">Primary Surgical Procedure and CPT Codes</p> <p><i>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></p>	<p align="center">Additional Surgical Procedures Covered for Decompressions and Fusions</p> <p><i>There are multiple procedures associated with a spine surgery. NIA provides an authorization for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested. However, associated surgery procedures are covered by the authorization. Examples below</i></p>	<p align="center">Other Ancillary Procedures Covered by Authorization</p> <p><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</i></p>
Lumbar Microdiscectomy 63030, +63035		
Lumbar Decompression 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Microdiscectomy: 63030, +63035	
Lumbar Fusion—Single Level** 22533, 22558, 22612 , 22630, 22633	Decompression Procedures: 63030, +63035, 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22851, Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939
Lumbar Fusion—Multiple Levels** +22534, +22585, +22614 , +22632, +22634	Single Level Fusion: 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633 Decompression Procedures: 63030, +63035, 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22851, Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939

Deformity, Thoracic Surgeries & Lesion/Neoplasm Spine Surgery

Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any at the time the service is delivered.

Authorization Primary Surgical Procedure and CPT Codes	Additional Surgical Procedures Covered for Decompressions and Fusions	Other Ancillary Procedures Covered by Authorization
<p>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</p>	<p>There are multiple procedures associated with a spine surgery. NIA provides an authorization for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested. However, associated surgery procedures are covered by the authorization. Examples below</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Deformity Surgery (Adult) 22800, 22802, 22804, 22808, 22810, 22812, 22830, 22630, 22632 22206, 22207, 22208, 22210, 22212, 22214, 22216 22220. 22222, 22224, 22226</p>	<p>Fusion: 22800, 22802, 22804, 22808, 22810, 22812, 22830, 22630, 22632</p> <p>Osteotomy: 22206, 22207, 22208, 22210, 22212, 22214, 22216 22220. 22222, 22224, 22226,</p> <p>Decompression: 63030, 63035, 63042, 63044, 63046, 63047, 63048, 63055, 63056, 63057, 63064, 63066</p>	<p>Instrumentation: 22840. 22841, 22842, 22843, 22844, 22845. 22846, 22848, 22851 22847, 22851</p> <p>Removal of instrumentation: 22849, 22850, 22852, 22855</p> <p>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p> <p>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</p>
<p>Thoracic Surgery (Non-Deformity) 22532,22534, 22556, 22585, 22610, 22614,22830, 63003, 63016, 63046, 63048,63055, 63057, 63064, 63066, 63077, 63078</p>	<p>Fusion: 22532, 22534, 22556, 22585, 22610, 22614, 22830</p> <p>Osteotomy: 22212, 22216, 22222, 22226</p> <p>Corpectomy: 63082, 63085, 63086, 63087, 63088, 63090, 63091, 63101, 63103</p> <p>Thoracic Decompression: 63003, 63016, 63046, 63048, 63055, 63057, 63064, 63066, 63077, 63078</p>	<p>Instrumentation: 22840, 22841, 22842, 22843, 22844, 22845, 22846, 22847, 22848, 22851</p> <p>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p> <p>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</p>
<p>Neoplasm/Lesion with or without Fusion (All Regions) Lesion Decompression: 63265, 63266, 63267, 63268, 63270, 63271, 63272, 63273, 63275, 63276, 63277, 63278, 63280, 63281, 63282, 63283, 63285, 63286, 63287, 63290, 63295. 63290, 63295, Fusion: 22590, 22595, 22600, 22610, 22612, 22614.22630, 22632, 22633, 22634, 22554, 22556, 22558, 22585, 22532, 22533, 22534</p>	<p>Excision: 22100, 22101, 22102, 22103, 22110, 22112, 22114, 22116</p> <p>Corpectomy: 63301,63302, 63305, 63306, 63308, 63101, 63103</p>	<p>Instrumentation (when fusion): 22840, 22841, 22842, 22843, 22844, 22848, 22851, 22845, 22846, 22847, 22851</p> <p>Dural Repairs: 63707, 63709, 63710</p>