

**Utilization Review Matrix 2024
BCBS Nebraska**

Musculoskeletal Surgery (Spine)

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Lumbar Microdiscectomy	63030	62380, 63030, +63035		

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Lumbar Decompression	63047	63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035	
Lumbar Fusion - Single Level	22612	22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633, +63052, +63053	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035 Decompression: 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939
Lumbar Fusion - Multiple Levels	22614	+22534, +22585, +22614, +22632, +22634, +63052,	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853

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		+63053	<p>Decompression: 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057</p> <p>Single Level Fusion: 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633</p>	<p>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p> <p>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</p>
Lumbar Artificial Disc - Single Level	22857	22857, 22862, 22865		
Lumbar Artificial Disc - Multiple Levels	22860	22860, +0164T, +0165T	Single-Level Artificial Disc: 22857, 22862, 22865	

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Cervical Anterior Decompression (without fusion)	63075	63075, +63076		Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Instrumentation: +22859
Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Single Level	22551	22548, 22551, 22554	Decompression: 63075, +63076 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Instrumentation: +22845, 22853, 22854 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938

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<p align="center">Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels</p>	<p align="center">22552</p>	<p align="center">+22552, +22585</p>	<p>Decompression: 63075, +63076</p> <p>Single-Level ACDF: 22548, 22551, 22554</p> <p>Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</p>	<p>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308</p> <p>Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854</p> <p>Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p> <p>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</p>
<p align="center">Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)</p>	<p align="center">63045</p>	<p>63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051</p>		

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<p align="center">Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Single Level</p>	<p align="center">22600</p>	<p>22590, 22595, 22600</p>	<p>Decompression: 63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051</p>	<p>Instrumentation: +22840, +22841 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937</p>
<p align="center">Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels</p>	<p align="center">22595</p>	<p>22595, +22614</p>	<p>Decompression: 63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051 Single-Level Fusion: 22590, 22595, 22600</p>	<p>Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22843, +22844 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937</p>
<p align="center">Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level</p>	<p align="center">22856</p>	<p>22856, 22861</p>	<p>Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</p>	<p>Instrumentation: 22845, 22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p>
<p align="center">Cervical Artificial Disc - Two Levels</p>	<p align="center">22858</p>	<p>+22858, +0098T, +0095T</p>	<p>Single-Level Artificial Disc: 22856, 22861</p>	<p>Instrumentation: 22845, 22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931,</p>

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			<p>Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</p>	<p>+20936, +20937, +20938</p>

- **Payment for procedures is contingent on the patient's eligibility and plan limitations, if any, at the time the service is delivered.**
- **Musculoskeletal surgery services rendered through the Emergency Department are not managed by Evolent (formerly National Imaging Associates).**
- **Evolent does not prior authorize or manage the facility precertification for musculoskeletal surgery services.**
- *Add-on codes (+) do not require separate authorization and are to be used in conjunction with approved primary code for the service rendered.*
 - *Exception: multiple level add-on codes require an authorization for multiple level procedures.*