

**BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina
Utilization Review Matrix 2025
Musculoskeletal Surgery (Spine)**

LUMBAR SPINE SURGERY				
Primary Surgery Request	Primary CPT Code	Primary Surgery Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes	Ancillary Procedures/Codes
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Lumbar Microdiscectomy	63030	62380, 63030, +63035		
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

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

CERVICAL SPINE SURGERY

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<p>Cervical Anterior Decompression (without fusion)</p>	<p align="center">63075</p>	<p>63075, +63076</p>		<p>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Instrumentation: +22859</p>
<p>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Single Level</p>	<p align="center">22551</p>	<p>22548, 22551, 22554</p>	<p>Decompression: 63075, +63076 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</p>	<p>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Instrumentation: +22845, 22853, 22854 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</p>
<p>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels</p>	<p align="center">22552</p>	<p>+22552, +22585</p>	<p>Decompression: 63075, +63076 Single-Level ACDF: 22548, 22551, 22554 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</p>	<p>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854 Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</p>

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Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)	63045	63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051		
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Single Level	22600	22590, 22595, 22600	Decompression: 63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937
Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels	22595	22595, +22614	Decompression: 63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051 Single-Level Fusion: 22590, 22595, 22600	Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22843, +22844 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937
Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level	22856	22856, 22861	Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Instrumentation: 22845, 22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938
Cervical Artificial Disc - Two Levels	22858	+22858, +0098T, +0095T	Single-Level Artificial Disc: 22856, 22861 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Instrumentation: 22845, 22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938

- ***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, Inc.).***
- ***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*