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## Healthy Blue Utilization Review Matrix 2025 MSK- Spine Surgery

LUMBAR SPINE SURGERY PROCEDURES				
Primary Surgery Request	Primary CPT Code	Primary Surgery Allowable Billed Groupings	Allowable Billed Groupings	Ancillary Procedures/Codes
<p><i>Authorization is provided at the <u>procedure</u> level.</i></p> <p><i>There are multiple CPT codes that can be associated with each procedure. These are assumed to be part of the primary request and, when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.</i></p>				<p><i>These codes do not require prior authorization. If the main procedure is approved, these codes are understood to be included and do not require precertification from the Healthy Blue.</i></p> <p><i>*Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of every possible ancillary code</i></p>
<b>Lumbar Microdiscectomy</b>	<b>63030</b>	<b>62380, 63030, +63035</b>		
<b>Lumbar Decompression</b>	<b>63047</b>	<b>63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057</b>	<b>Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035</b>	

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

## CERVICAL SPINE SURGERY PROCEDURES

Primary Surgery Request	Primary CPT Code	Primary Surgery Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes	Ancillary Procedures/Codes
<p><i>Authorization is provided for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested.</i></p> <p><i>There are multiple CPT codes that can be associated with each procedure. These are assumed to be part of the primary request and, when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.</i></p>				<p><i>These codes do not require prior authorization. If the main procedure is approved, these codes are understood to be included and do not require precertification from the Healthy Blue.</i></p> <p><i>*Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of every possible ancillary code</i></p>
<b>Cervical Anterior Decompression (without fusion)</b>	<b>63075</b>	<b>63075, +63076</b>		<b>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308</b>  <b>Instrumentation: +22859</b>
<b>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Single Level</b>	<b>22551</b>	<b>22548, 22551, 22554</b>	<b>Decompression: 63075, +63076</b>  <b>Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</b>	<b>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308</b>  <b>Instrumentation: +22845, 22853, 22854</b>  <b>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</b>

<b>Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels</b>	<b>22552</b>	<b>+22552, +22585</b>	<b>Decompression: 63075, +63076</b> <b>Single-Level ACDF: 22548, 22551, 22554</b> <b>Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864</b>	<b>Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308</b> <b>Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854</b> <b>Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</b> <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</b>
<b>Lumbar Fusion - Multiple Levels</b>	<b>22614</b>	<b>+22534, +22585, +22614, +22632, +22634, +63052, +63053</b>	<b>Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035</b> <b>Decompression: 63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057</b> <b>Single Level Fusion: 22533, 22558, 22612, 22630, 22633</b>	<b>Instrumentation: +22840, +22841, +22842, +22845, +22853</b> <b>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938</b> <b>Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939</b>
<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)</b>	<b>63045</b>	<b>63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051</b>		
<b>Cervical Posterior Decompression with Fusion - Single Level</b>	<b>22600</b>	<b>22590, 22595, 22600</b>	<b>Decompression: 63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051</b>	<b>Instrumentation: +22840, +22841</b> <b>Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937</b>

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

- 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