



**Wellcare (Medicare)  
Utilization Review Matrix 2025  
Musculoskeletal - Joint Surgery**

<b>HIP SURGERY PROCEDURES</b>			
<b>Procedure Name</b>	<b>Primary CPT Code</b>	<b>Allowable Billed Groupings</b>	<b>Additional Covered Procedures/Codes</b>
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<b>Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty</b>	<b>27134</b>	27132, 27134, 27137, 27138	
<b>Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing</b>	<b>27130</b>	27130, S2118	
<b>Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI) Hip Surgery</b>	<b>29914</b>	29914, 29915, 29916	Loose Body Removal: 29861 Chondroplasty: 29862 Synovectomy: 29863
<b>Hip Surgery – Other</b>	<b>29863</b>	29860, 29861, 29862, 29863	



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Revision Knee Arthroplasty	27487	27486, 27487	
Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)	27447	27447	
Partial-Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA)	27446	27446, 27438	
Knee Manipulation under Anesthesia (MUA)	27570	27570, 29884	
Knee Ligament Reconstruction/Repair	29888	27405, 27407, 27409, 27427, 27428, 27429, 29888, 29889	<p><b>Meniscectomy:</b> 27332, 27333, 27403, 29868, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29883</p> <p><b>Autologous chondrocyte implantation:</b> 27412</p> <p><b>Osteochondral Allograft/Autograft:</b> 27415, 27416, 29866, 29867</p> <p><b>Anterior tibial tubercleplasty:</b> 27418</p> <p><b>Reconstruction of Dislocating Patella:</b> 27420, 27422, 27424</p> <p><b>Lateral Release:</b> 27425, 29873</p> <p><b>Loose Body Removal:</b> 29874</p> <p><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29875, 29876</p> <p><b>Chondroplasty:</b> 29877</p> <p><b>Microfracture:</b> 29879</p> <p><b>OCD Lesion:</b> 29885, 29886, 29887</p>

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<b>Knee Meniscectomy/Meniscal Repair/Meniscal Transplant</b>	<b>29880</b>	27332, 27333, 27403, 29868, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29883	<p><b>Autologous chondrocyte implantation:</b> 27412</p> <p><b>Osteochondral Allograft/Autograft:</b> 27415, 27416, 29866, 29867</p> <p><b>Anterior tibial tubercleplasty:</b> 27418</p> <p><b>Reconstruction of Dislocating Patella:</b> 27420, 27422, 27424</p> <p><b>Lateral Release:</b> 27425, 29873</p> <p><b>Loose Body Removal:</b> 29874</p> <p><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29875, 29876</p> <p><b>Chondroplasty:</b> 29877</p> <p><b>Microfracture:</b> 29879</p> <p><b>Misc. (see code description):</b> G0289</p> <p><b>OCD Lesion:</b> 29885, 29886, 29887</p>
<b>Knee Surgery – Other</b>	<b>29879</b>	27412, 27415, 27416, 27418, 27420, 27422, 27424, 27425, 29866, 29867, 29870, 29873, 29874, 29875, 29876, 29877, 29879, 29885, 29886, 29887, G0289	

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Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty	23474	23473, 23474	
Total/Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty or Resurfacing	23472	23472	
Partial Shoulder Arthroplasty/Hemiarthroplasty	23470	23470	
Frozen Shoulder Repair/Adhesive Capsulitis	29825	29825	Manipulation under Anesthesia: 23700
Shoulder Labral Repair	29806	23450, 23455, 23460, 23462, 23465, 23466, 29806, 29807	Claviclectomy: 23120, 23125  Acromioplasty: 23130  Coracoacromial ligament release: 23415  Biceps Tenotomy/Tenodesis: 23405, 23430, 29828  Synovectomy: 29820, 29821  Debridement: 29822, 29823  Distal Clavicle Excision (Mumford procedure): 29824  Subacromial Decompression: +29826

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<b>Shoulder Rotator Cuff Repair</b>	<b>29827</b>	23410, 23412, 23420, 29827	<p><b>Claviclectomy:</b> 23120, 23125</p> <p><b>Acromioplasty:</b> 23130</p> <p><b>Coracoacromial ligament release:</b> 23415</p> <p><b>Biceps Tenotomy/Tenodesis:</b> 23405, 23430, 29828</p> <p><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29820, 29821</p> <p><b>Debridement:</b> 29822, 29823</p> <p><b>Distal Clavicle Excision (Mumford procedure):</b> 29824</p> <p><b>Subacromial Decompression:</b> +29826</p>
<b>Shoulder Surgery - Other</b>	<b>23415</b>	23120, 23125, 23130, 23405, 23415, 23430, 23700, 29805, 29819, 29820, 29821, 29822, 29823, 29824, 29825, +29826, 29828	

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- **Evolent does not prior authorize or manage the facility precertification for musculoskeletal surgery services.**

*NOTE: If any joint surgery is to be performed bilaterally on the same date of service, separate authorizations are required.*