



**Utilization Review Matrix 2021
BlueChoice® HealthPlan of South Carolina**

Musculoskeletal Surgery (Spine)

LUMBAR SPINE SURGERY					
Primary Surgery Request	Primary CPT Code	Primary Surgery Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes	Ancillary Procedures/Codes	Other Procedure Names
<p align="center"><i>Authorization is provided for the <u>primary surgery</u> requested. There are multiple CPT codes that can be associated with each procedure. These are assumed to be part of the primary surgery request and when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.</i></p>				<p align="center"><i>These codes do not require prior authorization. If the main surgical procedure is approved, these codes are understood to be included in conjunction and do not require precertification from the health plan. *Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of every ancillary code.</i></p>	
Lumbar Microdiscectomy	63030	62380, 63030, +63035			Discectomy
Lumbar Decompression	63047	63005, 63012, 63017, 63042, +63044, 63047, +63048, 63056, +63057	Microdiscectomy: 62380, 63030, +63035		Laminectomy, Laminotomy, Foraminotomy

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

CERVICAL SPINE SURGERY

Primary Surgery Request	Primary CPT Code	Primary Surgery Allowable Billed Groupings	Additional Covered Procedures/Codes	Ancillary Procedures/Codes	Other Procedure Names
<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 surgery request and when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.</i></p>				<p><i>These codes do not require prior authorization.</i></p> <p><i>If the main surgical procedure is approved, these codes are understood to be included in conjunction and do not require precertification from the health plan.</i></p> <p><i>*Please note: This is not an all-inclusive list of every ancillary code.</i></p>	
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	Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Decompression: 63075, +63076 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Instrumentation: +22845, 22853, 22854 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938	ACDF
Anterior Cervical Decompression with Fusion - Multiple Levels	22552	+22552, +22585	Vertebral Corpectomy: 63081, +63082, 63300, 63304, +63308 Decompression: 63075, +63076 Single-Level ACDF: 22548, 22551, 22554 Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Instrumentation: +22845, +22846, 22853, 22854 Bone Grafts: 20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938 Bone Marrow Aspiration: 20939	ACDF

Cervical Posterior Decompression (without fusion)	63045	63001, 63015, 63020, +63035, 63040, +63043, 63045, +63048, 63050, 63051			Lamino-foraminotomy, Laminectomy
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	Posterior fusion, Arthrodesis
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	Posterior fusion, Arthrodesis
Cervical Artificial Disc - Single Level	22856	22856, 22861	Removal of Artificial Disc: 22864	Instrumentation: 22845, 22853 Bone Grafts: +20930, +20931, +20936, +20937, +20938	Disc replacement, Disc arthroplasty, CADR
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	Disc replacement, Disc arthroplasty, CADR

- **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 NIA/Magellan**
- **NIA/Magellan 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**

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