

## UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE – 11.01.524

### Site of Service: Select Surgical Procedures

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#### RELATED MEDICAL POLICIES:

- 2.02.507 Coronary Angiography
- 7.01.15 Meniscal Allografts and Other Meniscal Implants
- 7.01.48 Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation for Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions
- 7.01.78 Autografts and Allografts in the Treatment of Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions
- 7.01.108 Artificial Intervertebral Disc: Cervical Spine
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## Introduction

Surgery may safely be performed in various settings. Some of the common settings used are an inpatient hospital or medical center, an off campus outpatient hospital or medical center, an on campus outpatient hospital or medical center, an ambulatory surgical center, or a doctor's office. Costs for surgical procedures may vary among these different settings. To encourage the use of the most safe and appropriate, cost effective sites of service for certain medically necessary

outpatient surgical procedures, prior authorization is required for the site of service for the surgical procedures listed below.

**Note:** The Introduction section is for your general knowledge and is not to be taken as policy coverage criteria. The rest of the policy uses specific words and concepts familiar to medical professionals. It is intended for providers. A provider can be a person, such as a doctor, nurse, psychologist, or dentist. A provider also can be a place where medical care is given, like a hospital, clinic, or lab. This policy informs them about when a service may be covered.

## Coverage Guidelines

We will review the site of service for medical necessity for certain elective surgical procedures. Site of service is defined as the location where the surgical procedure is performed, such as an off campus-outpatient hospital or medical center, an on campus-outpatient hospital or medical center, an ambulatory surgical center, or an inpatient hospital or medical center.

Site of Service for Elective Surgical Procedures	Medical Necessity
<b>Medically necessary sites of service:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off campus-outpatient hospital/medical center</li><li>• On campus-outpatient hospital/medical center</li><li>• Ambulatory surgical center</li></ul>	<b>Certain elective surgical procedures will be covered in the most appropriate, safe, and cost-effective site. These are the preferred medically necessary sites of service for certain elective surgical procedures.</b>
<b>Inpatient hospital/medical center</b>	<b>Certain elective surgical procedures will be covered in the most appropriate, safe, and cost-effective site. This site is considered medically necessary only when the patient has a clinical condition which puts him or her at increased risk for complications including any of the following (this list may not be all inclusive):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Anesthesia Risk</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ASA classification III or higher (see definition)</li></ul></li></ul>



Site of Service for Elective Surgical Procedures	Medical Necessity
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal history of complication of anesthesia</li> <li>○ Documentation of alcohol dependence or history of cocaine use</li> <li>○ Prolonged surgery (&gt;3 hours)</li> <li>● <b>Cardiovascular Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Uncompensated chronic heart failure (<b>NYHA class</b> III or IV)</li> <li>○ Recent history of myocardial infarction (MI) (&lt;3 months)</li> <li>○ Poorly controlled, resistant hypertension*</li> <li>○ Recent history of cerebrovascular accident (&lt; 3 months)</li> <li>○ Increased risk for cardiac ischemia (drug eluting stent placed &lt; 1 year or angioplasty &lt;90 days)</li> <li>○ Symptomatic cardiac arrhythmia despite medication</li> <li>○ Significant valvular heart disease</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Liver Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advanced liver disease (MELD Score &gt; 8)**</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Pulmonary Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (FEV1 &lt;50%)</li> <li>○ Poorly controlled asthma (FEV1 &lt;80% despite treatment)</li> <li>○ Moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)***</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Renal Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ End stage renal disease (on dialysis)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Morbid obesity (BMI ≥ 50)</li> <li>○ Pregnancy</li> <li>○ Bleeding disorder (requiring replacement factor, blood products, or special infusion product [DDAVP**** does not meet this criterion])</li> <li>○ Anticipated need for transfusion(s)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b>   * 3 or more drugs to control blood pressure  ** <a href="https://reference.medscape.com/calculator/meld-score-end-stage-liver-disease">https://reference.medscape.com/calculator/meld-score-end-stage-liver-disease</a>  *** Moderate-AHI ≥15 and ≤ 30, Severe-AHI ≥30  ****DDAVP-Deamino-Delta-D-Arginine Vasopressin (Desmopressin)</p>



Site of Service for Elective Surgical Procedures	Medical Necessity
Inpatient hospital/medical center	This site of service is considered NOT medically necessary for certain elective surgical procedures when the site of service criteria listed above in this policy are not met.

This guideline applies to any of the following elective surgical procedures (see the individual noted policies for the medical necessity criteria for the procedure):

#### BREAST SURGERY

#### KNEE SURGERY

#### EAR, NOSE, THROAT (ENT) SURGERY

#### SPINE SURGERY

#### HEART SURGERY

#### SITE OF SERVICE

#### HYSTERECTOMY SURGERY

Breast Surgery	
Reconstructive Breast Surgery/Management of Breast Implants, 7.01.533	
Gender Transition/Affirmation Surgery and Related Services, 7.01.557	
CPT	
19318	Reduction mammoplasty
Reduction Mammoplasty for Breast Related Symptoms, 7.01.503	
Gender Transition/Affirmation Surgery and Related Services, 7.01.557	
CPT	
19318	Reduction mammoplasty

Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) Surgery	
Rhinoplasty, 7.01.558	
Gender Transition/Affirmation Surgery and Related Services, 7.01.557	
CPT	
30400	Rhinoplasty, primary; lateral and alar cartilages and/or elevation of nasal tip



<b>Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) Surgery</b>	
30410	Rhinoplasty, primary; complete, external parts including bony pyramid, lateral and alar cartilages, and/or elevation of nasal tip
30420	Rhinoplasty, primary; including major septal repair
30430	Rhinoplasty, secondary; minor revision (small amount of nasal tip work)
30435	Rhinoplasty, secondary; intermediate revision (bony work with osteotomies)
30450	Rhinoplasty, secondary; major revision (nasal tip work and osteotomies)
<b>Sinus Surgery 7.01.559</b>	
<b>CPT</b>	
31233	Nasal endoscopy, diagnostic, unilateral or bilateral (separate procedure)
31235	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, diagnostic; with sphenoid sinusoscopy (via puncture of sphenoidal face or cannulation of ostium)
31240	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical; with concha bullosa resection
31253	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including frontal sinus exploration, with removal of tissue from frontal sinus, when performed
31254	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; partial (anterior
31255	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior)
31256	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy
31257	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including sphenoidotomy
31259	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical with ethmoidectomy; total (anterior and posterior), including sphenoidotomy, with removal of tissue from the sphenoid sinus
31267	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with maxillary antrostomy; with removal of tissue from maxillary sinus

### Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) Surgery

31276	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with frontal sinus exploration, including removal of tissue from frontal sinus, when performed
31287	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy
31288	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with sphenoidotomy; with removal of tissue from the sphenoid sinus
31295	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); maxillary sinus ostium, transnasal or via canine fossa
31296	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); frontal sinus ostium
31297	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); sphenoid sinus ostium
31298	Nasal/sinus endoscopy, surgical, with dilation (e.g., balloon dilation); frontal and sphenoid sinus ostia

### Surgical Treatment of Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome, 7.01.101

#### CPT

42145	Palatopharyngoplasty (e.g., uvulopalatopharyngoplasty, uvulopharyngoplasty)
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### Heart Surgery

#### Coronary Angiography for Known or Suspected Coronary Artery Disease, 2.02.507

#### CPT

93454	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation
93455	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography

<b>Heart Surgery</b>	
93456	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right heart catheterization
93457	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) including intraprocedural injection(s) for bypass graft angiography and right heart catheterization
93458	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed
93459	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography
93460	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed
93461	Catheter placement in coronary artery(s) for coronary angiography, including intraprocedural injection(s) for coronary angiography, imaging supervision and interpretation; with right and left heart catheterization including intraprocedural injection(s) for left ventriculography, when performed, catheter placement(s) in bypass graft(s) (internal mammary, free arterial, venous grafts) with bypass graft angiography

<b>Hysterectomy Surgery</b>
<b>Hysterectomy Surgery for Non-Malignant Indications, 7.01.548</b>
<b>Gender Transition/Affirmation Surgery and Related Services, 7.01.557</b>



<b>Hysterectomy Surgery</b>	
<b>Laparoscopic-Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy</b>	
<b>CPT</b>	
58550	Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less
58552	Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less; with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)
58553	Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g
58554	Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g; with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)
<b>Vaginal Hysterectomy</b>	
<b>CPT</b>	
58260	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less
58262	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less; with removal of tube(s), and/or ovary(s)
58263	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less; with removal of tube(s), and/or ovary(s), with repair of enterocele
58267	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less; with colpo-urethrocystopexy (Marshall-Marchetti-Krantz type, Pereyra type) with or without endoscopic control
58270	Vaginal hysterectomy, with total or partial vaginectomy
58275	Vaginal hysterectomy, with total or partial vaginectomy
58280	Vaginal hysterectomy, with total or partial vaginectomy; with repair of enterocele
58290	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g
58291	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g; with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)
58292	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g; with removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s), with repair of enterocele



## Hysterectomy Surgery

58294	Vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g; with repair of enterocele
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## Knee Surgery

### Autografts and Allografts in the Treatment of Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions, 7.01.78

#### CPT

27415	Osteochondral allograft, knee, open
27416	Osteochondral autograft(s), knee, open (e.g., mosaicplasty) (includes harvesting of autograft[s])
28446	Open osteochondral autograft, talus (includes obtaining graft[s])
29866	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; osteochondral autograft(s) (e.g., mosaicplasty) (includes harvesting of the autograft[s])
29867	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; osteochondral allograft (e.g., mosaicplasty)

### Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation for Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions, 7.01.569

#### CPT

27412	Autologous chondrocyte implantation, knee
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#### HCPCS

J7330	Autologous cultured chondrocytes, implant
S2112	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical for harvesting of cartilage (chondrocyte cells)

### Knee Arthroscopy in Adults, 7.01.549

#### CPT

29871	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; for infection, lavage and drainage
29873	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with lateral release
29874	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; for removal of loose body or foreign body (e.g., osteochondritis dissecans fragmentation, chondral fragmentation)
29875	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, limited (e.g., plica or shelf resection) (separate procedure)



<b>Knee Surgery</b>	
29876	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, major, 2 or more compartments (e.g., medial or lateral)
29877	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty)
29879	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; abrasion arthroplasty (includes chondroplasty where necessary) or multiple drilling or microfracture
29880	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscectomy (medial AND lateral, including any meniscal shaving) including debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), same or separate compartment(s), when performed
29881	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscectomy (medial OR lateral, including any meniscal shaving) including debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), same or separate compartment(s), when performed
29882	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscus repair (medial OR lateral)
29883	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscus repair (medial AND lateral)
29884	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with lysis of adhesions, with or without manipulation (separate procedure)
29888	Arthroscopically aided anterior cruciate ligament repair/augmentation or reconstruction
29889	Arthroscopically aided posterior cruciate ligament repair/augmentation or reconstruction
<b>Meniscal Allografts and Other Meniscal Implants, 7.01.15</b>	
<b>CPT</b>	
29882	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with meniscus repair (medial OR lateral)

<b>Spine Surgery</b>
<b>Artificial Intervertebral Disc: Cervical Spine, 7.01.108</b>
<b>CPT</b>

<b>Spine Surgery</b>	
0098T	Revision including replacement of total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, each additional interspace, cervical (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
22856	Total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy with end plate preparation (includes osteophyctomy for nerve root or spinal cord decompression and microdissection); single interspace, cervical
22858	Total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy with end plate preparation (includes osteophyctomy for nerve root or spinal cord decompression and microdissection); second level, cervical (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
22861	Revision including replacement of total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, single interspace; cervical
<b>Cervical Spine Surgeries: Discectomy, Laminectomy, and Fusion in Adults, 7.01.560</b>	
<b>CPT</b>	
22551	Arthrodesis, anterior interbody, including disc space preparation, discectomy, osteophyctomy and decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve roots; cervical below C2
22554	Arthrodesis, anterior interbody technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); cervical below C2
22600	Arthrodesis, posterior or posterolateral technique, single level; cervical below C2 segment
63001	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (e.g., spinal stenosis), 1 or 2 vertebral segments; cervical
63015	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (e.g., spinal stenosis), more than 2 vertebral segments; cervical
63020	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc; 1 interspace, cervical

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63040	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc, reexploration, single interspace; cervical
63043	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc, reexploration, single interspace; each additional cervical interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63045	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [e.g., spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; cervical
63048	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [e.g., spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; each additional vertebral segment, cervical, thoracic, or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63050	Laminoplasty, cervical, with decompression of the spinal cord, 2 or more vertebral segments
63051	Laminoplasty, cervical, with decompression of the spinal cord, 2 or more vertebral segments; with reconstruction of the posterior bony elements (including the application of bridging bone graft and non-segmental fixation devices [e.g., wire, suture, mini-plates], when performed)
63075	Discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s), including osteophytectomy; cervical, single interspace
63076	Discectomy, anterior, with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s), including osteophytectomy; cervical, each additional interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63081	Vertebral corpectomy (vertebral body resection), partial or complete, anterior approach with decompression of spinal cord and/or nerve root(s); cervical, single segment

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63265	Laminectomy for excision or evacuation of intraspinal lesion other than neoplasm, extradural; cervical
Lumbar Spine Decompression Surgery: Discectomy, Foraminotomy, Laminotomy, Laminectomy, 7.01.551	
CPT	
63005	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (e.g., spinal stenosis), 1 or 2 vertebral segments; lumbar, except for spondylolisthesis
63012	Laminectomy with removal of abnormal facets and/or pars inter-articularis with decompression of cauda equina and nerve roots for spondylolisthesis, lumbar (Gill type procedure)
63017	Laminectomy with exploration and/or decompression of spinal cord and/or cauda equina, without facetectomy, foraminotomy or discectomy (e.g., spinal stenosis), more than 2 vertebral segments; lumbar
63030	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc; 1 interspace, lumbar
63035	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc; each additional interspace, cervical or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63042	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc, reexploration, single interspace; lumbar
63044	Laminotomy (hemilaminectomy), with decompression of nerve root(s), including partial facetectomy, foraminotomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc, Page   13 of 16 ∞ Code Description reexploration, single interspace; each additional lumbar interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

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63047	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [e.g., spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; lumbar
63048	Laminectomy, facetectomy and foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s], [e.g., spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), single vertebral segment; each additional segment, cervical, thoracic, or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63056	Transpedicular approach with decompression of spinal cord, equina and/or nerve root(s) (e.g., herniated intervertebral disc), single segment; lumbar (including transfacet, or lateral extraforaminal approach) (e.g., far lateral herniated intervertebral disc)
63057	Transpedicular approach with decompression of spinal cord, equina and/or nerve root(s) (e.g., herniated intervertebral disc), single segment; each additional segment, thoracic or lumbar (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
63185	Laminectomy with rhizotomy; 1 or 2 segments
63190	Laminectomy with rhizotomy; more than 2 segments
63191	Laminectomy with section of spinal accessory nerve
63267	Laminectomy for excision or evacuation of intraspinal lesion other than neoplasm, extradural; lumbar
63272	Laminectomy for excision of intraspinal lesion other than neoplasm, intradural; lumbar
Lumbar Spinal Fusion, 7.01.542	
CPT	
22533	Arthrodesis, lateral extracavitary technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); lumbar
22558	Arthrodesis, anterior interbody technique, including minimal discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression); lumbar



Spine Surgery	
22612	Arthrodesis, posterior or posterolateral technique, single level; lumbar (with or without lateral transverse technique)
22630	Arthrodesis, posterior interbody technique, including laminectomy and/or discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), single interspace; lumbar
22633	Arthrodesis, combined posterior or posterolateral technique with posterior interbody technique including laminectomy and/or discectomy sufficient to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), single interspace and segment; lumbar
63052	Laminectomy, facetectomy, or foraminotomy (unilateral or bilateral with decompression of spinal cord, cauda equina and/or nerve root[s] [e.g., spinal or lateral recess stenosis]), during posterior interbody arthrodesis, lumbar; single vertebral segment (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
Spinal Cord and Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulation, 7.01.546	
CPT	
63650	Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array, epidural
63655	Laminectomy for implantation of neurostimulator electrodes, plate/paddle, epidural
63661	Removal of spinal neurostimulator electrode percutaneous array(s), including fluoroscopy, when performed
63662	Removal of spinal neurostimulator electrode plate/paddle(s) placed via laminotomy or laminectomy, including fluoroscopy, when performed
63663	Revision including replacement, when performed, of spinal neurostimulator electrode percutaneous array(s), including fluoroscopy, when performed
63664	Revision including replacement, when performed, of spinal neurostimulator electrode plate/paddle(s) placed via laminotomy or laminectomy, including fluoroscopy, when performed
63685	Insertion or replacement of spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling

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63688	Revision or removal of implanted spinal neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver
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## Related Information

### Definition of Terms

#### American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Score:

**ASA 1** A normal healthy patient.

**ASA 2** A patient with mild systemic disease.

**ASA 3** A patient with severe systemic disease.

**ASA 4** A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life.

**ASA 5** A moribund patient who is not expected to survive

#### New York Heart Association (NYHA) Classification:

**Class I** No symptoms and no limitation in ordinary physical activity, e.g., shortness of breath when walking, climbing stairs etc.

**Class II** Mild symptoms (mild shortness of breath and/or angina) and slight limitation during ordinary activity.

**Class III** Marked limitation in activity due to symptoms, even during less-than-ordinary activity, e.g., walking short distances (20–100 m). Comfortable only at rest.

**Class IV** Severe limitations. Experiences symptoms even while at rest. Mostly bedbound patients.

#### Place of Service (Professional Claims Codes):

**Off-Campus-Outpatient Hospital** A portion of an off-campus hospital provider based department which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization. (Code 19)

**Inpatient Hospital** A facility, other than psychiatric, which primarily provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services by, or under, the supervision of physicians to patients admitted for a variety of medical conditions. (Code 21)





**On Campus-Outpatient Hospital** A portion of a hospital's main campus which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization. (Code 22)

**Ambulatory Surgical Center** A freestanding facility, other than a physician's office, where surgical and diagnostic services are provided on an ambulatory basis. (Code 24)

## History

Date	Comments
03/01/18	New Utilization Management Guideline, approved February 13, 2018, effective June 1, 2018.
04/15/18	Anterior Cervical Spine Decompression and Fusion in Adults was removed from the Site of Service program. CPT codes 22551, 22552, 22554, and 22585 removed from policy.
06/19/18	Coding update, removed codes 0375T, L8679, L8680, L8682, L8683, L8685, L8686, L8687, and L8688. Added 7.01.15, 7.01.533, and 7.01.557 to Related Policies.
06/26/18	Added details for two additional policies (7.01.533 and 7.01.557) under the breast surgery section of Coverage Guidelines. Added details for an additional policy (7.01.15) under the knee surgery section of Coverage Guidelines.
08/25/18	Minor update, removed all reference to policy 7.01.557.
01/24/19	Coding update, added CPT codes 29867, 31253, 31257, 31259, 31298.
03/01/19	Annual Review, approved February 5, 2019. No changes to coverage guidelines.
01/01/20	Coding update, revised descriptors for CPT codes 31295, 31296, 31297, and 31298.
04/01/20	Archive policy, approved March 10, 2020. This policy will be archived effective July 2, 2020.
06/10/20	Interim Review, approved June 9, 2020, effective July 2, 2020. This policy will no longer be archived on July 2 – changes for this date listed. The following procedures will still apply to this policy; however, InterQual medical necessity criteria will be used for the following procedures: coronary angiography, knee arthroscopy, rhinoplasty, spinal cord and dorsal ganglion root stimulation. Refer to InterQual for medical necessity criteria (see Related Policies); this policy will determine site of service when inpatient exception may be considered.
08/01/20	Update Related Policies. 7.01.569 is now 7.01.48; 7.01.570 is now 7.01.78.
11/01/20	Annual Review, approved October 22, 2020. Correction, reduction mammoplasty moved to InterQual criteria for medical necessity review effective 7/2/20 but was not noted on the policy. Related Policies. 7.01.569 is now 7.01.48; 7.01.570 is now 7.01.78



Date	Comments
	was inadvertently not published 8/1/20 and so updated now. Removed HCPCS code S2112. Added HCPCS C1726. Update Related Policies. Beginning Feb. 5, 2021 the following procedures will be active and replace InterQual criteria: 2.02.507 Coronary Angiography; 7.01.549 Knee Arthroscopy in Adults; 7.01.503 Reduction Mammoplasty for Breast-related Symptoms; 7.01.5558 Rhinoplasty; and 7.01.546 Spinal Cord and Dorsal Ganglion Root Stimulation. No content changes.
07/01/21	Coding update, removed CPT code 0095T.
10/01/21	Annual Review, approved September 14, 2021, effective for dates of service on or after January 7, 2022, following 90-day provider notification. Added services for lumbar spine, cervical spine, and hysterectomy using CPT codes 22533, 22551, 22554, 22558, 22600, 22612, 22630, 22633, 58260, 58262, 58263, 58267, 58270, 58275, 58280, 58290, 58291, 58292, 58294, 58550, 58552, 58553, 58554, 63020 and 63045. Removed HCPCS code C1726.
05/01/22	Annual Review, approved April 25, 2022. UM Guideline reviewed. No changes to guideline other than minor edits of policy renumber not previously updated. Added HCPCS code S2112.
11/01/22	Interim Review, approved October 27, 2022, effective for dates of service on or after February 3, 2023, following 90-day provider notification. Added site of service is subject to medical necessity review to 7.01.557 Gender Transition/Affirmation Surgery and Related Services for the following surgical procedures that are addressed in that policy: breast reduction, laparoscopic-assisted vaginal hysterectomy, rhinoplasty, and vaginal hysterectomy.
06/01/23	Coding update. Added HCPCS codes 63052.
08/01/23	Annual Review, approved July 24, 2023. UM Guideline reviewed. Guideline unchanged. Moved CPT code 63052 to correct section in policy. Updated Related Policies, 7.01.569 renumbered to 7.01.48 Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation for Focal Articular Cartilage Lesions.
07/01/24	Coding update.
09/01/24	Annual Review, approved August 26, 2024. The following policy changes are effective December 5, 2024, following 90-day provider notification. Added CPT codes 63001, 63015, 63040, 63043, 63050, 63051, 63075, 63076, 63081 and 63265.
10/01/24	Minor update to related policies. 7.01.101 was replaced with 7.01.554 Surgical Treatment of Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome.
07/01/25	Coding update. Added CPT codes 31233, 31235 and 31240. These codes were added to SPA pend and policy 7.01.559 Sinus Surgery in Adults, effective May 1, 2025.

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