



PROVIDER BULLETIN

Spine Surgery Added to Pre-Certification Requirements*

Effective May 1, 2009, spine surgery consisting of lumbar laminectomies and fusions will require medical necessity review for inpatient and outpatient services. Pre-certification will be required for HMO, Indemnity, and PPO products.

You may continue to call the telephone number on the member's identification card to verify benefits and eligibility. Our Customer Care Associates can assist you in determining if pre-certification is required and help you reach the correct utilization management unit.

We have enclosed a list of the spinal surgery codes for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact your local provider representative.

**CPT Code Listing of Spine Surgery Procedures
Effective 5/1/2009**

| CPT Code | Description |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 22533 | LUMBAR ARTHRODESIS |
| 22558 | LUMBAR SPINE FUSION |
| 22585 | ADDITIONAL SPINAL FUSION |
| 22612 | LUMBAR SPINE FUSION |
| 22630 | LUMBAR SPINE FUSION |
| 22632 | SPINE FUSION ADD-ON |
| 22840 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22841 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22842 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22843 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22844 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22845 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22846 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22847 | INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE |
| 22849 | REINSERT SPINAL FIXATION |
| | TOTAL DISC ARTHROPLASTY-ANTERIOR |
| 22857 | APPROACH |
| 22862 | REVISION TOTAL DISC ARTHROPLASTY |
| 22865 | REMOVAL TOTAL DISC ARTHROPLASTY |
| 63001 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63003 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63005 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63011 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63012 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63017 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63030 | LOW BACK DISK SURGERY |
| 63035 | SPINAL DISK SURGERY ADD-ON |
| 63042 | LOW BACK DISK SURGERY |
| | EACH ADDITIONAL LUMBAR INTERSPACE |
| 63044 | (LIST |
| 63047 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA |
| 63048 | REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA ADD-ON |
| 63056 | DECOMPRESS SPINAL CORD |
| 63057 | DECOMPRESS SPINAL CORD ADD-ON |
| S2348 | DECOMPRESSION SPINAL CORD |
| S2350 | DISKECTOMY WITH DECOMPRESSION |
| S2351 | DISKECTOMY WITH DECOMPRESSION |

*Please note that the previous notification included cervical laminectomies and fusions. These requirements have been removed.