

Update: Prior authorization requirements are changing for musculoskeletal pain management and spinal procedure codes

We updated an earlier communication to show that prior authorization will be required for BCN commercial members for dates of service on or after June 3, 2024, for the following procedure codes: *0790T, *22836, *22837, *22838 and *27278. See below for complete details.

For dates of service on or after June 3, 2024, we're adding prior authorization requirements for several pain management and spinal procedure codes that are managed through TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions LLC's Musculoskeletal Surgical Quality and Safety Management program.

The tables below outline the changes. In the tables:

- Some of the procedure codes represent specific procedures that have been separated out from more general procedures already managed by TurningPoint.
- Other procedure codes replaced codes that were retired by the American Medical Association.

Pain management procedure codes

Procedure code	Change
*64625	Will require prior authorization for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members. Note: This code will continue to require prior authorization through TurningPoint for Blue Care Network commercial members. It doesn't require prior authorization for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan commercial members.

Spinal procedure codes

Procedure code	Change
*0784T	Will require prior authorization for Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.
*0785T	
*0786T	
*0787T	
*0790T	Will require prior authorization for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.
*22836	
*22837	
*22838	

Procedure code	Change
*27278	<p>Will require prior authorization for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.</p> <p>Note: For dates of service before June 3, 2024, BCN Utilization Management manages prior authorizations for procedure code *27278 for BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.</p>

Additional information

We updated the document titled [Musculoskeletal procedure codes that require authorization by TurningPoint](#) to reflect these changes.

For more information about TurningPoint's Musculoskeletal Surgical Quality and Safety Management program, see the following pages on the ereferrals.bcbsm.com website:

- [Blue Cross Musculoskeletal Services](#)
- [Blue Cross Pain Management Services](#)
- [BCN Musculoskeletal Services](#)
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