

## Musculoskeletal procedures may require prior authorization through TurningPoint for FEP members

Starting second- or third-quarter 2026, providers may need to submit prior authorization requests to TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® members for:

- Orthopedic procedures
- Pain management procedures
- Spinal procedures

This will apply only to FEP® members who have Blue Cross commercial plans.

We'll post a provider alert with updated information as soon as possible.

For more information about the TurningPoint Musculoskeletal Surgical Quality & Safety Management program, see the document titled [Musculoskeletal procedure authorizations: Frequently asked questions for providers](#).

Notes:

- We published provider alerts about this potential upcoming requirement on [Oct. 1, 2025](#), and on [Nov. 18, 2025](#).
- Federal employees with coverage through Blue Care Network won't be affected by this potential change. Prior authorization is already required for musculoskeletal procedures for these members.

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