

Select musculoskeletal procedure codes continue to require prior authorization through e-referral for FEP members, won't move to TurningPoint

For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2026, prior authorization is required for select elective, non-urgent, outpatient musculoskeletal procedures for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® members who have commercial plans. Submit requests for the following procedure codes through the e-referral system.

Notes:

- We announced this requirement in the January 2026 *Record* article titled [Here are 2026 FEP benefit changes](#).
- This requirement doesn't apply to federal employees with coverage through Blue Care Network. For those members, prior authorizations for musculoskeletal procedures are managed by TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions.

Hip procedure codes									
*27125	*27130								

Knee procedure codes									
*27437	*27438	*27440	*27441	*27442	*27443	*27445	*27446	*27447	

Spinal procedure codes									
*22532	*22533	*22534	*22548	*22551	*22552	*22554	*22556	*22558	*22585
*22586	*22590	*22595	*22600	*22610	*22612	*22614	*22630	*22632	*22633
*22634	*22800	*22802	*22804	*22808	*22810	*22812	*22818	*22819	*22856
*22857	*22867	*22869	*63001	*63003	*63005	*63011	*63012	*63015	*63016
*63017	*63020	*63030	*63032	*63040	*63042	*63043	*63044	*63045	*63046
*63047	*63050	*63051	*63052	*63055	*63056	*63064	*63075	*63077	*63081
*63085	*63087	*63090	*63101	*63102	*63170	*63172	*63173	*63185	*63190
*63191	*63197	*63200	*63250	*63251	*63252	*63265	*63266	*63267	*63268
*63270	*63271	*63272	*63273	*63275	*63276	*63277	*63278	*63280	*63281
*63282	*63283	*63285	*63286	*63287	*63290	*63300	*63301	*63302	*63303
*63304	*63305	*63306	*63307						

You can also determine which procedure codes require prior authorization by:

- Referring to the document titled [Procedure codes for which providers must request prior authorization](#)
- Following the pertinent steps in the document titled [Determining prior authorization requirements for members](#)

In a [Feb. 17, 2026, provider alert](#), we communicated that musculoskeletal procedures may require prior authorization through TurningPoint for FEP members with commercial plans. Due to unforeseen circumstances, these prior authorization requests won't be managed under the TurningPoint Musculoskeletal Surgical Quality & Safety Management program. Continue to submit prior authorization requests through the e-referral system, as outlined above.

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