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Site-of-care requirements will apply to all orthopedic and spinal procedures managed by TurningPoint starting March 1

Currently, TurningPoint Healthcare Solutions applies site-of-care medical policy requirements to select hip and knee surgeries as part of their prior authorization review. During the review, TurningPoint works with healthcare providers to identify appropriate sites of care based on the medical policy requirements and members' clinical needs.

For dates of service on or after March 1, 2027, TurningPoint will apply the existing site-of-care medical policy requirements to all orthopedic and spinal procedures that require prior authorization.

As a result, TurningPoint may ask providers to perform the procedure in a different, more appropriate setting. This change:

- Expands the procedures reviewed under the current site-of-care medical policy. It doesn't introduce a new medical policy
- Helps to ensure that members receive care in the most appropriate and affordable setting based on medical policy and clinical needs

This change applies to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan commercial, Medicare Plus Blue, BCN commercial and BCN Advantage members.

To determine which procedures require prior authorization, see the Procedure codes for which providers must request prior authorization document; look for TurningPoint in the *Requests managed by* column.

By March 1, 2027, we'll update the Musculoskeletal procedure authorizations: Frequently asked questions for providers document to reflect this change.

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