

Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery Procedures (for North Carolina Only)

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Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the state of North Carolina.

Coverage Rationale

Spinal procedures for the treatment of spine pain are proven and medically necessary in certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy for Physicians, 1A-30, Spinal Surgeries](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CPT Code	Description
0200T	Percutaneous sacral augmentation (sacroplasty), unilateral injection(s), including the use of a balloon or mechanical device, when used, 1 or more needles, includes imaging guidance and bone biopsy, when performed
0201T	Percutaneous sacral augmentation (sacroplasty), bilateral injections, including the use of a balloon or mechanical device, when used, 2 or more needles, includes imaging guidance and bone biopsy, when performed

CPT Code	Description
0275T	Percutaneous laminotomy/laminectomy (interlaminar approach) for decompression of neural elements, (with or without ligamentous resection, discectomy, facetectomy and/or foraminotomy) any method, under indirect image guidance (e.g., fluoroscopic, CT), single or multiple levels, unilateral or bilateral; lumbar
22586	Arthrodesis, pre-sacral interbody technique, including disc space preparation, discectomy, with posterior instrumentation, with image guidance, includes bone graft when performed, L5-S1 interspace
22630	Arthrodesis, posterior interbody technique, including laminectomy and/or discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), single interspace; lumbar
22899	Unlisted procedure, spine
62287	Decompression procedure, percutaneous, of nucleus pulposus of intervertebral disc, any method utilizing needle based technique to remove disc material under fluoroscopic imaging or other form of indirect visualization, with discography and/or epidural injection(s) at the treated level(s), when performed, single or multiple levels, lumbar
62380	Endoscopic decompression of spinal cord, nerve root(s), including laminotomy, partial facetectomy, foraminotomy, discectomy and/or excision of herniated intervertebral disc, 1 interspace, lumbar

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HCPCS Code	Description
G0276	Blinded procedure for lumbar stenosis, percutaneous image-guided lumbar decompression (PILD) or placebo-control, performed in an approved coverage with evidence development (CED) clinical trial

References

North Carolina Medicaid, Division of Health Benefits, Clinical Coverage Policies, Spinal Surgeries, No: 1A-30.
https://files.nc.gov/ncdma/documents/files/1A-30_4.pdf. Accessed January 24, 2023.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
11/01/2023	<p>Related Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated reference link to reflect current policy title for <i>Facet Joint and Medial Branch Block Injections for Spinal Pain (for North Carolina Only)</i>
07/01/2023	<p>Title Change/Template Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocated and reformatted content previously included in the Medical Policy titled <i>Surgical Treatment for Spine Pain (for North Carolina Only)</i> <p>Applicable Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added CPT/HCPCS codes 62287 and G0276 Removed CPT codes 0202T, 0219T, 0220T, 0221T, 0222T, 0274T, 20930, 20931, 22100, 22101, 22102, 22103, 22110, 22112, 22114, 22116, 22206, 22207, 22208, 22210, 22212, 22214, 22216, 22220, 22222, 22224, 22226, 22532, 22533, 22534, 22548, 22551, 22552, 22554, 22556, 22558, 22585, 22590, 22595, 22600, 22610, 22612, 22614, 22632, 22633, 22634, 22800, 22802, 22804, 22808, 22810, 22812, 22818, 22819, 22830, 22840, 22841, 22842, 22843, 22844, 22845, 22846, 22847, 22848, 22849, 22850, 22852, 22853, 22854, 22855, 22859, 22867, 22868, 22869, 22870, 62287, 63001, 63003, 63005, 63011, 63012, 63015, 63016, 63017, 63020, 63030, 63035, 63040, 63042, 63043, 63044, 63045, 63046, 63047, 63048, 63050, 63051, 63052, 63053, 63055, 63056, 63057, 63064, 63066, 63075, 63076, 63077, 63078, 63081, 63082, 63085, 63086, 63087, 63088, 63090, 63091, 63101, 63102, 63103, 63170, 63172, 63173, 63185, 63190, 63191, 63197, 63200, 63250, 63251, 63252, 63265, 63266, 63267, 63268, 63270, 63271, 63272, 63275, 63277, 63280, 63282, 63285, 63286, 63287, 63290, 63300, 63301, 63302, 63303, 63304, 63305, 63306, 63307, and 63308

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed coding notations <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archived previous policy version CSNCT0547.04

Instructions for Use

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