



**Aetna Better Health® of Texas  
PROVIDER NOTIFICATION**

Effective April 1, 2022, Aetna Better Health® of Texas will change the way the following CPT codes will be processed for spinal procedures.

If a prior authorization is not submitted, the claim will be denied for no authorization. Please refer to the provider pre-authorization tool <https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/texas/providers/prior-authorization.html> for the most up to date listing of codes requiring a prior authorization

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS NEW PROCESS MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN HOW YOUR PRACTICE IS REIMBURSED FOR THESE SERVICES.**

**WE URGE YOU TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT AND IN THE ATTACHED POLICY.**

As always, do not hesitate to contact your Aetna Better Health of Texas Provider Relations Representative with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
Provider Experience  
Aetna Better Health of Texas

**The following codes will require prior authorization effective April 1, 2022:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Code Description</b>
20937	AUTOGRAFT SPINE SURGERY MORSELIZED SEP INCISION
20939	BONE MARROW ASPIRATION BONE GRFG SPI SURG ONLY
22010	I&D DEEP ABSCESS PST SPINE CRV THRC/CERVICOTHR
22214	OSTEOTOMY SPINE PST/PSTLAT APPR 1 VRT SGM LMBR
22325	OPTX&/RDCTJ VRT FX&/DISLC PST 1 VRT SGM LMBR
22532	ARTHRODESIS LATERAL EXTRACAVITARY THORACIC
22533	ARTHRODESIS LATERAL EXTRACAVITARY LUMBAR
22534	ARTHRODESIS LAT EXTRACAVITARY EA ADDL THRC/LMBR
22551	ARTHRD ANT INTERBODY DECOMPRESS CERVICAL BELW C2
22552	ARTHRD ANT INTERDY CERVCL BELW C2 EA ADDL NTRSPC
22554	ARTHRODESIS ANTERIOR INTERBODY CERVICAL BELW C2
22556	ARTHRODESIS ANTERIOR INTERBODY THORACIC
22558	ARTHRODESIS ANTERIOR INTERBODY LUMBAR
22585	ARTHRODESIS ANTERIOR INTERBODY EA ADDL NTRSPC
22586	PRESCR L FUSE W/ INSTR L5/S1
22590	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR CRANIOCERVICAL
22595	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR ATLAS-AXIS C1-C2
22610	ARTHRD PST TQ 1NTRSPC THRC
22612	ARTHRD PST TQ 1NTRSPC LUMBAR
22614	ARTHRD PST TQ 1NTRSPC EA ADD
22630	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR INTERBODY LUMBAR
22632	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR INTERBODY EA ADDL
22633	ARTHRD CMBN 1NTRSPC LUMBAR
22634	ARTHRD CMBN 1NTRSPC EA ADDL

22802	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR SPINAL DFRM 7-12 VRT SEG
22808	ARTHRODESIS ANTERIOR SPINAL DFRM 2-3 VRT SEG
22812	ARTHRODESIS POSTERIOR SPINAL DFRM 8/> VRT SEG
22840	POSTERIOR NON-SEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION
22842	POSTERIOR SEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION 3-6 VRT SEG
22843	POSTERIOR SEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION 7-12 VRT SEG
22844	POSTERIOR SEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION 13/> VRT SEG
22845	ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION 2-3 VERTEBRAL SEGMENTS
22846	ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION 4-7 VERTEBRAL SEGMENTS
22847	ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION 8/> VERTEBRAL SEGMENTS
22848	PELVIC FIXATION OTHER THAN SACRUM
22849	REINSERTION SPINAL FIXATION DEVICE
22850	REMOVAL POSTERIOR NONSEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION
22852	REMOVAL POSTERIOR SEGMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION
22853	Insertion of interbody biomechanical device(s) (eg, synthetic cage, mesh) with integral anterior instrumentation for device anchoring (eg, screws, flanges), when performed, to intervertebral disc space in conjunction with interbody arthrodesis, each interspace (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
22854	Insertion of intervertebral biomechanical device(s) (eg, synthetic cage, mesh) with integral anterior instrumentation for device anchoring (eg, screws, flanges), when performed, to vertebral corpectomy(ies) (vertebral body resection, partial or complete) defect, in conjunction with interbody arthrodesis, each contiguous defect (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
22855	REMOVAL ANTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION
22858	TOT DISC ARTHRP ANT APPR DISC 2ND LEVEL CERVICAL
22859	Insertion of intervertebral biomechanical device(s) (eg, synthetic cage, mesh, methylmethacrylate) to intervertebral disc space or vertebral body defect without interbody arthrodesis, each contiguous defect (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
22861	REVJ RPLCMT DISC ARTHROPLASTY ANT 1 NTRSPC CRV
22864	RMVL DISC ARTHROPLASTY ANT 1 INTERSPACE CERVICAL
27280	ARTHRODESIS SACROILIAC JOINT W/OBTAINING GRAFT
38220	MARROW ASPIRATION ONLY
63001	LAM W/O FACETEC FORAMOT/DSKC 1/2 VRT SEG CRV
63005	LAM W/O FFD 1/2 VRT SEG LMBR
63011	LAM W/O FFD 1/2 VRT SEG SAC
63012	LAM W/RMVL ABNORMAL FACETS LMBR
63015	LAM W/O FFD > 2 VRT SEG CRV
63016	LAM W/O FFD > 2 VRT SEG THRC
63017	LAM W/O FFD > 2 VRT SEG LMBR
63020	LAMINOTOMY INCL OPN & NDSC 1 INTERSPACE CERVICAL
63030	LAMINOTOMY INCL OPEN & NDSC 1 INTERSPACE LUMBAR
63035	LAMOT INCL OPEN&NDSC EA ADDL INTERSPACE CRV/LMBR
63040	LAMOT PRTL FFD HRNA8 REEXPL 1 NTRSPC CRV
63042	LAMOT PRTL FFD HRNA8 REEXPL 1 NTRSPC LMBR
63043	LAMOT PRTL FFD HRNA8 REEXPL 1 NTRSPC EA CRV
63044	LAMOT W/PRTL FFD HRNA8 REEXPL 1 NTRSPC EA LMBR
63045	LAM FACETEC&FORAMOT 1 SGM CRV
63046	LAM FACETEC&FORAMOT 1 SGM THRC
63047	LAM FACETEC&FORAMOT 1 SGM LMBR
63048	LAM FACETEC &FORAMOT EA ADDL
63050	LAMOP CRV W/DCMPRN SPI CORD 2/MORE VRT SEG
63051	LAMOP CRV DCMPRN SPI CORD 2+ SEG RCNSTJ B1
63052	LAM FACET/FRMT ARTHRD LUM 1
63053	LAM FACTC/FRMT ARTHRD LUM EA
63055	TRANSPEDICULAR DCMPRN SPI CORD 1 SGM THRC
63056	TRANSPEDICULAR DCMPRN SPI CORD 1 SGM LMBR
63057	TRANSPEDICULAR DCMPRN 1 SGM EA THRC/LMBR
63064	COSTOVRT DCMPRN THRC 1 SGM
63066	COSTOVRT DCMPRN THRC EA SGM

63075	DSKC ANT DCMPRN CRV 1 NTRSPC
63076	DSKC ANT DCMPRN CRV EA NTRSPC
63077	DSKC ANT DCMPRN THRC 1 NTRSPC
63078	DSKC ANT DCMPRN THRC EA NTRSPC
63081	VCRPEC ANT DCMPRN CRV 1 SGM
63085	VCRPEC TTHRC DCMPRN THRC 1 SGM
63087	VCRPEC THORACOLMBR DCMPRN LWR THRC/LMBR 1 SGM
63090	VCRPEC TRANSPRTL/RPR DCMPRN THRC LMBR/SAC 1 SGM
63185	LAM W/RHIZOTOMY 1/2 SEG
63190	LAM W/RHIZOTOMY > 2 SEG
63267	LAM EXC/EVAC ISPI LES OTH/THN NEO XDRL LMBR