

Musculoskeletal Surgery and Interventional Pain Management Services Program Authorization Process

For Highmark Providers: How to Enter Multiple Procedure Codes

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When submitting an authorization request via the eviCore portal, you may need to submit multiple CPT procedure codes for musculoskeletal (MSK) surgeries or Interventional pain management (IPM) services. The eviCore portal requests submission of procedure codes individually, and you must proceed through multiple pages to ensure the codes are submitted in their entirety.

Items to note:

- Enter one code per line when asked (if procedure code submission is applicable).
- Include all relevant procedure codes and submit through the below process.

MSK Multiple Codes

One of the first screens you may encounter after proceeding to the eviCore portion of the authorization request is below.

The screenshot shows a form titled "Clinical Certification" with the following fields and options:

- Question: "Please enter the primary CPT code for this surgery." with an empty text input field.
- Question: "How many units? (Units for an assistant or co-surgeon should NOT be included here. Indicate the assistant / co-surgeon by requesting the appropriate modifier)" with a text input field containing the number "1".
- Question: "Which region of the spine will this procedure be performed?" with radio button options: Thoracic, Cervical, Lumbar, Sacral, and "This request is for E0760 and is NOT related to a spinal condition.".
- A "SUBMIT" button at the bottom left.

1. All relevant CPT codes should be included in the authorization request. The process requires single procedure code submission until the provider's office selects "No" for the question "Do you want to enter a XXX code for this surgery?" (XXX = second, third, fourth, etc.).

Clinical Certification

Do you want to enter a second code for this surgery?

Yes No

SUBMIT

2. Select “**Yes**” to continue submitting codes (if applicable). If no additional procedure codes need submission, select “**No**” and a set of clinical questions will follow.
3. Enter the next CPT code. Repeat this process until you have entered all relevant CPT codes.

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Clinical Certification

Please enter the next CPT code for this surgery

How many units? (Units for an assistant or co-surgeon should NOT be included here. Indicate the assistant / co-surgeon by requesting the appropriate modifier)

SUBMIT

4. The Clinical Certification questions will launch once you are finished submitting all relevant CPT codes.

Clinical Certification

SPINE / LEVEL

i How many levels will be fused?
 1 2 3 4 5

i Which spinal level(s) will be involved? (Choose ALL that apply):
 C1 - C2 C5 - C6
 C2 - C3 C6 - C7
 C3 - C4 C7 - T1
 C4 - C5 Other/Unknown

i How many previous cervical fusions has your patient had?
 0 (This is the first cervical fusion)
 1 previous cervical fusion
 2 or more cervical fusions
 Unknown or not sure

i Does your patient have any of the following urgent or emergent conditions:
None of the above

SUBMIT

IPM Multiple Codes

1. The provider will submit one CPT code and the clinical pathway will build a "basket" of multiple codes depending on how many levels are selected. They will not have to add additional individual CPT codes to the case. The full basket of all approved codes will be included in the Approval Notification Letter.

i Please indicate the facet joint(s) that the procedure will be performed on (choose all that apply)

C1 - C2 T4 - T5
 C2 - C3 T5 - T6
 C3 - C4 T6 - T7
 C4 - C5 T7 - T8
 C5 - C6 T8 - T9
 C6 - C7 T9 - T10
 C7 - T1 T10 - T11
 T1 - T2 T11 - T12
 T2 - T3 T12 - L1
 T3 - T4 Unknown or not sure

i Please indicate the side(s) that the procedure will be performed on:

Right side ONLY (unilateral)
 Left side ONLY (unilateral)
 Both right AND left sides (bilateral)

Submit