

Surgical Site of Service Policy Updates

Effective 6/10/2024

Effective 6/10/2024, The Plan will review medical necessity of an inpatient site of service for the following procedures:

- Single-level spinal fusion procedures
- Artificial disc replacement
- Arthroplasty (in addition to hip and knee arthroplasty which already requires inpatient site of service review).

For spinal fusion and artificial disc replacement, there are no changes to the existing prior authorization requirements. Prior authorization and medical necessity review will still be required for the procedure itself, with the addition of medical necessity review for inpatient sites of service.

For the additional arthroplasty procedures, prior authorization will ***only*** apply if an inpatient site of service (POS 21) is planned. This will be clearly communicated for the applicable codes on the [PHP/PHA Prior Authorization List](#).

For Medicare and OHP members, the CMS inpatient only list still applies and trumps the PHA medical policy for any procedures indicated by CMS as inpatient only. Additionally, these changes do not supersede benefit determinations of coverage.

The Surgical Site of Service medical policies are linked here:

- [Surgical Site of Service \(Company\)](#)
- [Surgical Site of Service \(Medicare\)](#)

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