

## AIM Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines updates

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Beginning with dates of service on and after July 1, 2018, the following updates will apply to AIM Musculoskeletal Program Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

### Spine surgery guideline:

- Cervical decompression with or without fusion:
  - Added osteotomy and corpectomy definitions
  - Clarified implant/instrumentation failure
- Lumbar fusion and treatment of spinal deformity (including scoliosis and kyphosis):
  - Added osteotomy and corpectomy definitions
- Spinal stenosis:
  - Removed bilateral or wide decompression

### Interventional pain management guideline:

- Epidural injection procedures and diagnostic selective nerve root blocks:
  - Added pre-service clinical review exemption for CPT codes 62320 and 62322 when used for post-procedural pain with certain ICD-10-CM diagnoses
- Repeat therapeutic epidural steroid injections, clarified initial injection as therapeutic:
  - Clarified injection sessions for procedural requirements
- Paravertebral facet injection/nerve block/neurolysis:

- Increased procedural limitation for diagnostic medial branch blocks
- Increased procedural limitation for therapeutic intra-articular facet joint injections and clarified requirement for conservative treatment between injections
- Sacroiliac joint injections:
  - Added HCPCS code G0260

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- Access [AIM's ProviderPortal](#) available 24/7 to process orders in real-time
- Access AIM's portal via the [Availity Web Portal](#)
- Contact AIM's call center - 866-714-1107, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at [aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com](mailto:aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com). Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current guidelines [here](#).

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