

Updates to AIM Musculoskeletal Program Joint Surgery Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines

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As recently communicated in the February 2020 edition of Anthem's *Provider News*, effective for dates of service on and after May 17, 2020, updates will apply to the AIM Musculoskeletal Program: Joint Surgery Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines.

These updates relate to the criteria in the following sections:

- Hip arthroplasty
- Knee arthroscopy and open procedures
- Shoulder arthroplasty including the removal of the indication for subacromial impingement with rotator cuff tear

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM in one of several ways:

- Access AIM's **ProviderPortal**_{SM} directly at providerportal.com. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at availity.com.
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 800-554-0580, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET.

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

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