



CLINICAL GUIDELINES

CMM-310: Manipulation of the Spine Under Anesthesia Guidelines

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CMM-310: Manipulation of the Spine Under Anesthesia**Indications****Non-Indications****Procedure (CPT®) Codes (CMM-310)****References (CMM-310)**

Indications

The use of manipulation of the spine under anesthesia (MUA) (i.e., when the individual is either sedated or under general anesthesia) is considered **medically necessary** when **BOTH** of the following criteria have been met:

- Performed in an emergent situation as a closed treatment of traumatically induced vertebral fracture or dislocation to mitigate the potential for neurological compromise when a qualified physician has considered the decision for an open reduction.
- Performed in conjunction with an active rehabilitation/home exercise program.

Non-Indications

- Based on the lack of evidence of long-term efficacy and safety, manipulation of the spine under anesthesia (MUA) performed in the absence of traumatically induced vertebral fracture or dislocation is considered **not medically necessary**.
- Manipulation of the spine under anesthesia (MUA) performed in isolation (i.e., without the individual participating in an active rehabilitation program/home exercise program) is considered **not medically necessary**.

Procedure (CPT®) Codes (CMM-310)

This guideline relates to the CPT® code set below. Codes are displayed for informational purposes only. Any given code's inclusion on this list does not necessarily indicate prior authorization is required.

CPT®	Code Description/Definition
22505	Manipulation of spine requiring anesthesia, any region.

This list may not be all-inclusive and is not intended to be used for coding/billing purposes. The final determination of reimbursement for services is the decision of the health plan and is based on the individual's policy or benefit entitlement structure as well as claims processing rules.

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