

Healthspring
Prior Authorization Procedure List: Joint Surgery

Product	Category	CPT® Code	CPT® Code Description	Medicare Prior Authorization Required?	Medicare Case Build Platform	External Notation
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27442	Arthroplasty, Femoral Condyles Or Tibial Plateau(S), Knee; With Debridement And Partial Synovectomy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23472	Arthroplasty, Glenohumeral Joint; Total Shoulder [Glenoid And Proximal Humeral Replacement (E.G., Total Shoulder)]	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29860	Arthroscopy, Hip, Diagnostic, With Or Without Synovial Biopsy (Separate Procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29915	Arthroscopy, Hip, Surgical; With Acetabuloplasty (Ie, Treatment Of Pincer Lesion)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29870	Arthroscopy, Knee, Diagnostic, With Or Without Synovial Biopsy (Separate Procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29874	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; For Removal Of Loose Body Or Foreign Body (Eg Osteochondritis Dissecans Fragmentation, Chondral Fragmentation)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29875	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; Synovectomy, Limited (Eg Plica Or Shelf Resection) (Separate Procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29883	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; With Meniscal Repair (Medial And Lateral)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29882	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; With Meniscal Repair (Medial Or Lateral)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29880	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; With Meniscectomy (Medial And Lateral, Including Any Meniscal Shaving) Including Debridement/Shaving Of Articular Cartilage (Chondroplasty), Same Or Separate Compartment (S) When Performed	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29881	Arthroscopy, Knee, Surgical; With Meniscectomy (Medial Or Lateral, Including Any Meniscal Shaving) Including Debridement/Shaving Of Articular Cartilage (Chondroplasty), Same Or Separate Compartment (S) When Performed	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29828	Arthroscopy, Shoulder, Biceps Tenodesis	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29807	Arthroscopy, Shoulder, Slap Repair	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29823	Arthroscopy, Shoulder, Surgical; Debridement, Extensive	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29825	Arthroscopy, Shoulder, Surgical; With Lysis And Resection Of Adhesions, With Our Without Manipulation	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27335	Arthrotomy, With Synovectomy, Knee;Anterior AND Posterior Including Popliteal Area	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23462	Capsulorrhaphy, Anterior, Any Type;With Coracoid Process Transfer	Yes	CareCore National	

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23455	Capsulorrhaphy, Anterior;With Labral Repair (Eg, Bankart Procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27125	Hemiarthroplasty, Hip, Partial (E.G., Femoral Stem Prosthesis, Bipolar Arthroplasty)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27428	Ligamentous Reconstruction (Augmentation), Knee;Intra-Articular (Open)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27429	Ligamentous Reconstruction (Augmentation), Knee;Intra-Articular (Open) And Extra-Articular	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27570	Manipulation of knee joint under general anesthesia (includes application of traction or other fixation devices)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23700	Manipulation under anesthesia, shoulder joint, including application of fixation apparatus (dislocation excluded)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27422	Reconstruction Of Dislocating Patella;With Extensor Realignment And/Or Muscle Advancement Or Release (Eg, Campbell, Goldwaite Type Procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27424	Reconstruction Of Dislocating Patella;With Patellectomy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23412	Repair Of Ruptured Musculotendinous Cuff (Eg, Rotator Cuff) Open;Chronic	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27405	Repair, primary, torn ligament and/or capsule, knee; collateral	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27138	Revision Of Total Hip Arthroplasty; Femoral Component Only, With Or Without Autograft Or Allograft	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27486	Revision Of Total Knee Arthroplasty, With Or Without Allograft; 1 Component	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23130	Acromioplasty or acromionectomy, partial, with or without coracoacromial ligament release	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27418	Anterior tibial tubercleplasty (eg, Maquet type procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27130	Arthroplasty, acetabular and proximal femoral prosthetic replacement (total hip arthroplasty), with or without autograft or allograft	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27443	Arthroplasty, femoral condyles or tibial plateau(s), knee; with debridement and partial synovectomy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23470	Arthroplasty, glenohumeral joint; hemiarthroplasty	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27447	Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial AND lateral compartments with or without patella resurfacing (total knee arthroplasty)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27446	Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial OR lateral compartment	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27440	Arthroplasty, knee, tibial plateau	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27441	Arthroplasty, knee, tibial plateau; with debridement and partial synovectomy	Yes	CareCore National	

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27438	Arthroplasty, patella; with prosthesis	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29888	Arthroscopically aided anterior cruciate ligament repair/augmentation or reconstruction	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29889	Arthroscopically aided posterior cruciate ligament repair/augmentation or reconstruction	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29862	Arthroscopy, hip, surgical; with debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty), abrasion arthroplasty, and/or resection of labrum	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29914	Arthroscopy, hip, surgical; with femoroplasty (ie, treatment of cam lesion)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29916	Arthroscopy, hip, surgical; with labral repair	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29861	Arthroscopy, hip, surgical; with removal of loose body or foreign body	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29863	Arthroscopy, hip, surgical; with synovectomy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29879	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; abrasion arthroplasty (includes chondroplasty where necessary) or multiple drilling or microfracture	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29877	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; debridement/shaving of articular cartilage (chondroplasty)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29886	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; drilling for intact osteochondritis dissecans lesion	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29887	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; drilling for intact osteochondritis dissecans lesion with internal fixation	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29885	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; drilling for osteochondritis dissecans with bone grafting, with or without internal fixation (including debridement of base of lesion)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29871	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; for infection, lavage and drainage	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29868	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; meniscal transplantation (includes arthrotomy for meniscal insertion), medial or lateral	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29867	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; osteochondral allograft (eg, mosaicplasty)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29866	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; osteochondral autograft(s) (eg, mosaicplasty) (includes harvesting of the autograft(s))	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29876	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; synovectomy, major, 2 or more compartments (eg, medial or lateral)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29873	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with lateral release	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29884	Arthroscopy, knee, surgical; with lysis of adhesions, with or without manipulation (separate procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29805	Arthroscopy, shoulder, diagnostic, with or without synovial biopsy (separate procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29806	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; capsulorrhaphy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29822	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; debridement, limited	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29826	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; decompression of subacromial space with partial acromioplasty, with coracoacromial ligament (ie, arch) release, when performed (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29824	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; distal claviclectomy including distal articular surface (Mumford procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29821	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; synovectomy, complete	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29820	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; synovectomy, partial	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29819	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; with removal of loose body or foreign body	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29827	Arthroscopy, shoulder, surgical; with rotator cuff repair	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27403	Arthrotomy with meniscus repair, knee	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27333	Arthrotomy, with excision of semilunar cartilage (meniscectomy) knee; medial AND lateral	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27332	Arthrotomy, with excision of semilunar cartilage (meniscectomy) knee; medial OR lateral	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27334	Arthrotomy, with synovectomy, knee; anterior OR posterior	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27412	Autologous chondrocyte implantation, knee	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23020	Capsular contracture release (eg, Sever type procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23460	Capsulorrhaphy, anterior, any type; with bone block	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23450	Capsulorrhaphy, anterior; Putti-Platt procedure or Magnuson type operation	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23466	Capsulorrhaphy, glenohumeral joint, any type multi-directional instability	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23465	Capsulorrhaphy, glenohumeral joint, posterior, with or without bone block	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23120	Claviculectomy; partial	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27132	Conversion of previous hip surgery to total hip arthroplasty, with or without autograft or allograft	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23415	Coracoacromial ligament release, with or without acromioplasty	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27425	Lateral retinacular release, open	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27427	Ligamentous reconstruction (augmentation), knee; extra-articular	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27415	Osteochondral allograft, knee, open	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27416	Osteochondral autograft(s), knee, open (eg, mosaicplasty) (includes harvesting of autograft(s))	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23420	Reconstruction of complete shoulder (rotator) cuff avulsion, chronic (includes acromioplasty)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27420	Reconstruction of dislocating patella; (eg, Hauser type procedure)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23000	Removal of subdeltoid calcareous deposits, open	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23410	Repair of ruptured musculotendinous cuff (eg, rotator cuff) open; acute	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23440	Resection or transplantation of long tendon of biceps	Yes	CareCore National	

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27137	Revision of total hip arthroplasty; acetabular component only, with or without autograft or allograft	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27134	Revision of total hip arthroplasty; both components, with or without autograft or allograft	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27487	Revision of total knee arthroplasty, with or without allograft; femoral and entire tibial component	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23474	Revision of total shoulder arthroplasty, including allograft when performed; humeral and glenoid component	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23473	Revision of total shoulder arthroplasty, including allograft when performed; humeral or glenoid component	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23430	Tenodesis of long tendon of biceps	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	22899	Unlisted procedure, spine	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23929	Unlisted procedure, shoulder	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code. Unlisted procedure, shoulder
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27299	Unlisted procedure, pelvis or hip joint	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code. Unlisted procedure, pelvis or hip joint
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27599	Unlisted procedure, femur or knee	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27899	Unlisted procedure, leg or ankle	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29999	Unlisted procedure, arthroscopy	Add-On Code	CareCore National	This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27358	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of femur; with internal fixation (List in addition to code for primary procedure)	Add-On Code	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	J7330	Autologous cultured chondrocytes, implant	Add-On Code	CareCore National	Companion procedure to 27412. This unlisted code will be managed if submitted with a code that is in the delegated MSK program; otherwise, Cigna will manage the code.
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23106	Arthrotomy; sternoclavicular joint, with synovectomy, with or without biopsy	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23145	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of clavicle or scapula; with autograft (includes obtaining graft)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23155	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of proximal humerus; with autograft (includes obtaining graft)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23172	Sequestrectomy (eg, for osteomyelitis or bone abscess), scapula	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23174	Sequestrectomy (eg, for osteomyelitis or bone abscess), humeral head to surgical neck	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	23802	Arthrodesis, glenohumeral joint; with autogenous graft (includes obtaining graft)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27033	Arthrotomy, hip, including exploration or removal of loose or foreign body	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27175	Treatment of slipped femoral epiphysis; by traction, without reduction	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27331	Arthrotomy, knee; including joint exploration, biopsy, or removal of loose or foreign bodies	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27340	Excision, prepatellar bursa	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27347	Excision of lesion of meniscus or capsule (eg, cyst, ganglion), knee	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27355	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of femur;	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27356	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of femur; with allograft	Yes	CareCore National	

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Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27357	Excision or curettage of bone cyst or benign tumor of femur; with autograft (includes obtaining graft)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27360	Partial excision (craterization, saucerization, or diaphysectomy) bone, femur, proximal tibia and/or fibula (eg, osteomyelitis or bone abscess)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27407	Repair, primary, torn ligament and/or capsule, knee; cruciate	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	27409	Repair, primary, torn ligament and/or capsule, knee; collateral and cruciate ligaments	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29850	Arthroscopically aided treatment of intercondylar spine(s) and/or tuberosity fracture(s) of the knee, with or without manipulation; without internal or external fixation (includes arthroscopy)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29851	Arthroscopically aided treatment of intercondylar spine(s) and/or tuberosity fracture(s) of the knee, with or without manipulation; with internal or external fixation (includes arthroscopy)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29855	Arthroscopically aided treatment of tibial fracture, proximal (plateau); unicondylar, includes internal fixation, when performed (includes arthroscopy)	Yes	CareCore National	
Musculoskeletal	Joint Surgery	29856	Arthroscopically aided treatment of tibial fracture, proximal (plateau); bicondylar, includes internal fixation, when performed (includes arthroscopy)	Yes	CareCore National	

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