



**Wellcare (Louisiana)  
Utilization Review Matrix 2024  
Musculoskeletal Surgery (Hip, Knee, and Shoulder)**

| HIP SURGERY PROCEDURES  |                  |                            |  |
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| Procedure Name  | Primary CPT Code | Allowable Billed Groupings | Additional Covered Procedures/Codes  |
| <i>Authorization is provided at the <u>procedure</u> level. There are multiple CPT codes that can be associated with each procedure. These are assumed to be part of the primary request and, when completed in combination, do not require a separate authorization.</i> |                  |                            |  |
| <b>Revision/Conversion Hip Arthroplasty</b>   | <b>27134</b>     | 27132, 27134, 27137, 27138 |  |
| <b>Total Hip Arthroplasty/Resurfacing</b>   | <b>27130</b>     | 27130, S2118               |  |
| <b>Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI) Hip Surgery</b>   | <b>29914</b>     | 29914, 29915, 29916        | <b>Loose Body Removal:</b> 29861<br><b>Chondroplasty:</b> 29862<br><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29863 |
| <b>Hip Surgery – Other</b>  | <b>29863</b>     | 29860, 29861, 29862, 29863 |  |

## KNEE SURGERY PROCEDURES

| Procedure Name  | Primary CPT Code | Allowable Billed Groupings                             | Additional Covered Procedures/Codes   |
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| Revision Knee Arthroplasty  | 27487            | 27486, 27487   |   |
| Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)   | 27447            | 27447  |   |
| Partial-Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA)  | 27446            | 27446, 27438   |   |
| Knee Manipulation under Anesthesia (MUA)  | 27570            | 27570, 29884   |   |
| Knee Ligament Reconstruction/Repair   | 29888            | 27405, 27407, 27409, 27427, 27428, 27429, 29888, 29889 | <p><b>Meniscectomy:</b> 27332, 27333, 27403, 29868, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29883</p> <p><b>Autologous chondrocyte implantation:</b> 27412</p> <p><b>Osteochondral Allograft/Autograft:</b> 27415, 27416, 29866, 29867</p> <p><b>Anterior tibial tubercleplasty:</b> 27418</p> <p><b>Reconstruction of Dislocating Patella:</b> 27420, 27422, 27424</p> <p><b>Lateral Release:</b> 27425, 29873</p> <p><b>Loose Body Removal:</b> 29874</p> <p><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29875, 29876</p> <p><b>Chondroplasty:</b> 29877</p> |

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|  |              |   | <p><b>Microfracture:</b> 29879</p> <p><b>OCD Lesion:</b> 29885, 29886, 29887</p>  |
| <b>Knee Meniscectomy/Meniscal Repair/Meniscal Transplant</b> | <b>29880</b> | 27332, 27333, 27403, 29868, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29883  | <p><b>Autologous chondrocyte implantation:</b> 27412</p> <p><b>Osteochondral Allograft/Autograft:</b> 27415, 27416, 29866, 29867</p> <p><b>Anterior tibial tubercleplasty:</b> 27418</p> <p><b>Reconstruction of Dislocating Patella:</b> 27420, 27422, 27424</p> <p><b>Lateral Release:</b> 27425, 29873</p> <p><b>Loose Body Removal:</b> 29874</p> <p><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29875, 29876</p> <p><b>Chondroplasty:</b> 29877</p> <p><b>Microfracture:</b> 29879</p> <p><b>Misc. (see code description):</b> G0289</p> <p><b>OCD Lesion:</b> 29885, 29886, 29887</p> |
| <b>Knee Surgery – Other</b>                                  | <b>29879</b> | 27412, 27415, 27416, 27418, 27420, 27422, 27424, 27425, 29866, 29867, 29870, 29873, 29874, 29875, 29876, 29877, 29879, 29885, 29886, 29887, G0289 |   |

| SHOULDER SURGERY PROCEDURES   |                  |  |  |
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| Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty  | 23474            | 23473, 23474   |  |
| Total/Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty or Resurfacing  | 23472            | 23472  |  |
| Partial Shoulder Arthroplasty/Hemiarthroplasty  | 23470            | 23470  |  |
| Frozen Shoulder Repair/Adhesive Capsulitis  | 29825            | 29825  | Manipulation under Anesthesia: 23700   |
| Shoulder Labral Repair  | 29806            | 23450, 23455, 23460, 23462, 23465, 23466, 29806, 29807 | Claviclectomy: 23120, 23125<br>Acromioplasty: 23130<br>Coracoacromial ligament release: 23415<br>Biceps Tenotomy/Tenodesis: 23405, 23430, 29828<br>Synovectomy: 29820, 29821<br>Debridement: 29822, 29823<br>Distal Clavicle Excision (Mumford procedure): 29824<br>Subacromial Decompression: 29826 |

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| <b>Shoulder Rotator Cuff Repair</b> | <b>29827</b> | 23410, 23412, 23420, 29827  | <b>Claviclectomy:</b> 23120, 23125<br><b>Acromioplasty:</b> 23130<br><b>Coracoacromial ligament release:</b> 23415<br><b>Biceps Tenotomy/Tenodesis:</b> 23405, 23430, 29828<br><b>Synovectomy:</b> 29820, 29821<br><b>Debridement:</b> 29822, 29823<br><b>Distal Clavicle Excision (Mumford procedure):</b> 29824<br><b>Subacromial Decompression:</b> 29826 |
| <b>Shoulder Surgery - Other</b>     | <b>23415</b> | 23120, 23125, 23130, 23405, 23415, 23430, 23700, 29805, 29819, 29820, 29821, 29822, 29823, 29824, 29825, 29826, 29828 |  |

- Musculoskeletal surgery services rendered through the Emergency Department are not managed by NIA
- NIA does not prior authorize or manage the facility precertification for musculoskeletal surgery services
- NOTE: If any joint surgery is to be performed bilaterally on the same date of service, separate authorizations are required