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Request Type

Expedited Reason

Note: *Provide reason for expediting request if Expedited Initial or Expedited Resubmission Request Type is selected above.*

UTN

Only required for Resubmissions & Expedited Resubmissions. Enter the UTN of most recent submission.

Requested HCPCS

Primary Diagnosis Code

Date of Service

Related HCPCS Codes (up to 2)

*All related codes require a primary code **AND** any possible additional related codes at the facet level(s) and region of the back.*

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name

PTAN

NPI

Region

Note: **Facility information should be the Hospital Outpatient Department information.**

Fax Number

Note: **If submitting by fax, fax number is required. The fax number must be the fax number of the Hospital Outpatient Department.** *If submitting by mail or esMD, fax number is optional. If you want to also receive the decision letter via fax, provide a fax number. A decision letter will be sent by mail to the provider address on file.*

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION (ONLY ONE BENEFICIARY PER FORM)

Beneficiary Name

Medicare ID

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Physician Name

NPI

Fax Number

Address

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Requestor Name

Email

Date

Phone Number

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Please answer and follow the instructions for each question below.

QUESTIONS

Q1. Does the documentation indicate there are plans for anesthesia beyond local anesthesia and anxiolytics? **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is Yes, the procedure may not be medically necessary for prior authorization.

Comments:

Q2. Will the procedure be performed using fluoroscopy (CT-guidance)? **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is No, the procedure may receive a non-affirmed decision.

Comments:

Q3. Does the documentation show the use of the same pain scale and functional assessment scale such as numerical rating scale, visual analog scale, PDAS, PROMIS profile domains, etc.? – Need to have both a pain assessment scale and functional assessment scale. **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is No, the request may receive a non-affirmed decision.

Comments:

Q4. Have conservative therapies been tried such as NSAIDS, analgesics, home exercise program, or cognitive therapy, etc.? **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is No, the request may receive a non-affirmed decision.

Comments:

Q5. For subsequent therapeutic procedures – does the documentation support at least 50% pain relief for at least 3 months or at least 50% consistent improvement in the ability to perform previously painful movements and ADLs as compared to baseline using the same scales? **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is No, the request may receive a non-affirmed decision.

Comments:

Q6. Is the prior auth request for MORE than 2 facet joint levels on the same date of service **Yes** ☐ **or No** ☐

Note: If the answer is Yes, the request may receive a non-affirmed decision.

Comments:

Note: Attach supporting documentation for condition and associated symptoms, rationale for treatment procedure, etc. and/or comment..

DOCUMENTATION

Condition and Associated Symptoms/ Rationale for Treatment Procedure

