

## **Carelon Medical Benefits Management (formerly AIM Specialty Health) Musculoskeletal Joint Surgery Clinical Program CPT Code and Guideline Update**

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2023, the following code will require prior authorization (PA) through Carelon Medical Benefits Management (formerly AIM Specialty Health®).\*

| CPT® code | Description   | Clinical UM Guideline Title                                  |
|-----------|---|--|
| 27345     | Excision of synovial cyst of popliteal space (such as Baker's cyst) | <b>MCG: Musculoskeletal Surgery or Procedure GRG (SG-MS)</b> |

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit PA requests to Carelon in one of several ways:

- Access Carelon’s *ProviderPortals*<sup>SM</sup> directly at [www.providerportal.com](http://www.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 Carelon via Availity Essentials\* at [www.availity.com](http://www.availity.com).

The Prior Authorization Lookup Tool allows providers to search codes by the specific line of business (Medicaid/CHIP/Family Care, or Hoosier Care Connect) to determine if prior authorization (PA) is required and **which guideline is utilized for the case review**. The Prior Authorization Lookup Tool is available at <https://providers.anthem.com/in> > Claims > **Precertification lookup tool**.



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