

**Policy: MP283**

**Section: Medical Benefit Policy**

**Subject: Facet Injections**

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### **I. Policy:** Facet Injections

### **II. Purpose/Objective:**

To provide a policy of coverage regarding Facet Injections

### **III. Responsibility:**

- A. Medical Directors
- B. Medical Management

### **IV. Required Definitions**

1. Attachment – a supporting document that is developed and maintained by the policy writer or department requiring/authoring the policy.
2. Exhibit – a supporting document developed and maintained in a department other than the department requiring/authoring the policy.
3. Devised – the date the policy was implemented.
4. Revised – the date of every revision to the policy, including typographical and grammatical changes.
5. Reviewed – the date documenting the annual review if the policy has no revisions necessary.

### **V. Additional Definitions**

Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Covered Services rendered by a Health Care Provider that the Plan determines are:

- a. appropriate for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
- b. provided for the diagnosis, and the direct care and treatment of the Member's condition, illness disease or injury;
- c. in accordance with current standards of good medical treatment practiced by the general medical community.
- d. not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or the Member's Health Care Provider; and
- e. the most appropriate source or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member. When applied to hospitalization, this further means that the Member requires acute care as an inpatient due to the nature of the services rendered or the Member's condition, and the Member cannot receive safe or adequate care as an outpatient.

### **Medicaid Business Segment**

Medical Necessity shall mean a service or benefit that is compensable under the Medical Assistance Program and if it meets any one of the following standards:

- (i) The service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
- (ii) The service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental or development effects of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
- (iii) The service or benefit will assist the Member to achieve or maintain maximum functional

capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the Member and those functional capacities that are appropriate for members of the same age.

**Geisinger Health Plan requires prior authorization through HealthHelp for Interventional Pain services for members enrolled in its Commercial HMO and PPO, Medicare Advantage, GHP Family Medicaid and CHIP products. To direct the application of these services for Geisinger Health Plan members, HealthHelp utilizes its proprietary clinical criteria, Utilization Management decision-support tools, and evidence-based medical treatment guidelines. For more information about the services that require prior authorization, refer to [www.healthhelp.com/Geisinger](http://www.healthhelp.com/Geisinger)**

**CODING ASSOCIATED WITH:** Facet Injections

**The following codes are included below for informational purposes and may not be all inclusive. Inclusion of a procedure or device code(s) does not constitute or imply coverage nor does it imply or guarantee provider reimbursement. Coverage is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable laws regarding coverage of specific services. Please note that per Medicare coverage rules, only specific CPT/HCPCS Codes may be covered for the Medicare Business Segment. Please consult the CMS website at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov) or the local Medicare Administrative Carrier (MAC) for more information on Medicare coverage and coding requirements**

Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic	64490
Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic	64491
Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic	64492
Injection(s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral	64493
Cervical or thoracic injection, paravertebral facet with ultrasound guidance single level	0213T
Cervical or thoracic injection, paravertebral facet with ultrasound guidance second level (request in addition to code for primary procedure)	0214T
Cervical or thoracic injection, paravertebral facet with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT) third and any additional levels (request in addition to code for primary procedures)	0215T
Lumbar or sacral injection, paravertebral facet with ultrasound guidance single level	0216T
Lumbar or sacral injection, paravertebral facet with ultrasound guidance second level (request in addition to code for primary procedure)	0217T

Lumbar or sacral injection, paravertebral 0218T  
facet with ultrasound guidance third and any  
additional levels (request in addition to code  
for primary procedures)

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**LINE OF BUSINESS:**

**Eligibility and contract specific benefits, limitations and/or exclusions will apply. Coverage statements found in the line of business specific benefit document will supersede this policy. For Medicare, applicable LCD's and NCD's will supersede this policy. For PA Medicaid Business segment, this policy applies as written.**

This policy will be revised as necessary and reviewed no less than annually.

**Devised:** 1/15

**Revised:** 9/15, 7/17(revise drug requirement), 8/20 (add notation); 12/20 (Transition to Health Help)

**Reviewed:** 11/16, 6/18, 7/19, 7/20

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