



Network Notification

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To: Ohio and Michigan Providers

From: CareSource

Subject: Facet Joint and/or Joint Nerve Injection Policy

CPT Codes Involved: 27096, 64490-64495

Effective Date: July 1, 2011

Below outlines CareSource's reimbursement policy related to Facet Joint Injections and/or Facet Joint Nerve Injections.

CareSource will consider Facet Joint and/or Facet joint Nerve Injection medically necessary for evaluation of sub-acute, non-radiating pain that is unresponsive within a reasonable period of time to a well-managed course of conservative therapy.

Policy Details:

More than six injections by the same or any provider over a 12 month period will require a prior authorization.

Anesthesia:

Monitored anesthesia (CPT codes: 01991, 01992, 01935, 01936) will be denied for medical necessity review when provided in conjunction with all of the Facet Joint and/or Facet Joint Nerve Injections defined in this policy. Denials for anesthesia services will be reviewed only on appeal with supportive medical necessity documentation.

For additional information, please review CareSource's [Pain Management Interventional Procedures Policy](#).