

August 1, 2018

**Re: Update to AIM Level of Care Musculoskeletal Surgery Clinical Guidelines**

Dear Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Nevada (Anthem), is writing to inform you of updated to the following AIM Specialty Health<sup>®</sup> (AIM) Clinical Guidelines for Musculoskeletal Surgery.

**Updates to AIM Level of Care Musculoskeletal Surgery Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines**

Beginning with dates of review on and after November 1, 2018, the following updates will apply to AIM **Level of Care Musculoskeletal Surgery** Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines:

- Addition of criteria for observation in surgical settings, ambulatory surgical centers, and hospital outpatient departments
- Addition of staff, equipment, and resource capabilities in outpatient surgery
- Modifications to the inpatient admission criteria

Ordering and servicing providers may submit pre-certification requests to AIM in one of the following ways:

- Access AIM **ProviderPortal**<sub>SM</sub> directly at [providerportal.com](http://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 AIM via the Availity Web Portal at [availity.com](http://availity.com)
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 877-291-0366, Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. PT.

For questions related to guideline updates, please contact AIM via email at [aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com](mailto:aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com).

To access and download a copy of the current guidelines, go to <http://www.aimspecialtyhealth.com/marketing/guidelines/185/index.html>

We value and appreciate you as our partner in providing quality care, and appreciate your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,



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