

Outpatient Surgical Site of Service

Effective 5/1/2025

Commercial Fully Insured and ASO Groups Only

Effective 5/1/2025, The Plan will review medical necessity of a **hospital outpatient site of service (place of service 22)** for the following procedures:

- Total Knee Arthroplasty
- Partial Knee Arthroplasty

Note: a complete list of applicable CPT codes is included in the [Appendix](#) below.

There are no changes to the existing prior authorization requirements for these services. Prior authorization and medical necessity review will still be required for the procedure itself, with the addition of medical necessity review for any planned outpatient sites of service. If medical policy criteria are not met for the outpatient site of service, the service must be performed at an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) for coverage.

Providers who do not have a geographically accessible ASC available to them or who do not have privileges at a geographically accessible ASC must either:

- Have a signed attestation on file with The Plan (found [here](#)); or
- If no attestation has been completed, please indicate on the prior authorization request that no ASC is available to prevent delay of prior authorization review.
 - The Plan asks that the providers anticipating future site of service auth requests please submit a prospective attestation now to facilitate any new reviews.

This policy does not apply to Providence Medicare and Providence OHP members. Additionally, these changes do not supersede benefit determinations of coverage.

A copy of the medical policy is available upon request and/or questions may be sent to the Medical Policy Team at: PHPMedicalPolicyInquiry@providence.org

APPENDIX

- Please make it clear on the PA request if any of the procedures listed below will be performed in a hospital outpatient setting (place of service 22).
- If necessary, please attest on the PA submission that no ASC is available to prevent delay of the prior authorization review.
 - **Providers anticipating future site of service auth requests are encouraged to file a prospective attestation now to facilitate new reviews.**

Knee Arthroplasty		
CPT	27445	Arthroplasty, knee, hinge prosthesis (eg, Walldius type)
	27446	Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial OR lateral compartment
	27447	Arthroplasty, knee, condyle and plateau; medial AND lateral compartments with or without patella resurfacing (total knee arthroplasty)