

# UHC Commercial-Site of Service Reviews for Certain Musculoskeletal Surgical Procedures (Foot Surgery)

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As part of this effort, for dates of service after Aug. 2, 2019, for most states and **after Sept. 3, 2019, for California, Colorado, New Jersey and New York, UHC will review the site of service for medical necessity once prior authorization is requested for certain musculoskeletal surgical procedures (arthroscopic and foot surgery)** according to their existing notification/prior authorization requirements. They'll issue a medical necessity determination for the site of service, under the terms of the member's benefit plan, if permitted by state law and if the procedure will be performed in an outpatient hospital.

They're also implementing a utilization review guideline to facilitate their site of service reviews. The Musculoskeletal Surgical Procedures — Site of Service guideline will be announced in the June UnitedHealthcare Commercial Medical Policy Update Bulletin. Go to [UHCprovider.com](http://UHCprovider.com) > Policies and Protocols > Commercial Policies > [Medical & Drug Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines for UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plans](#) > [Medical Policy Update Bulletins](#).

When Site of Service Reviews Apply Site of service reviews will apply to UnitedHealthcare commercial benefit plans, including exchange benefit plans, and the following benefit plans:

- ⇒ **UnitedHealthcare**
- ⇒ **Neighborhood Health Partnership**
- ⇒ **UnitedHealthcare of the River Valley**

Site of service reviews will apply to the following procedure codes, which are currently subject to notification/prior authorization requirements:

Procedure	CPT Codes
Arthroscopy Ankle	29891 29892 29893 29894 29895 29897 29898 29899
Arthroscopy Elbow	29830 29834 29835 29836 29837 29838
Arthroscopy Hip	29860 29861 29862 29863 29914 29915 29916
Arthroscopy Knee	29870 29873 29874 29875 29876 29877 29879 29880 29881 29882 29883 29884 29885 29886 29887 29888 29889
Arthroscopy Shoulder	29805 29806 29807 29819 29820 29821 29822 29823 29824 29825 29826 29827 29828
Arthroscopy Wrist	29840 29844 29845 29846 29847 29848
Foot Surgery Bunion	28289 28291 28292 28296 28297 28298 28299
Foot Surgery Hammertoe	28285