

MBS Online Change – Spinal Surgery

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Item descriptors amended: 51051, 51052, 51053; 51145; 51061 to 51066 and TN.8.141
 Explanatory Notes amended: TN.8.141
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 Legend: Addition or amendments are underlined. Deletions are shown with a strike through.

Item 51051	<p>Pedicle subtraction osteotomy, one vertebra motion segment, not being a service associated with (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51052, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.146 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$1,879.60 Benefit: 75% = \$1409.70</p>
Item 51052	<p>Pedicle subtraction osteotomy, 2 vertebrae motion segments, not being a service associated with (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51053, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.146 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$2,286.00 Benefit: 75% = \$1714.50</p>
Item 51053	<p>Vertebral column resection osteotomy performed through single posterior approach, one vertebra motion segment, not being a service associated with (a) anterior column fusion when at the same motion segment; or (b) a service to which item 51051, 51052, 51054, 51055, 51056, 51057, 51058 or 51059 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.146 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$2,600.95 Benefit: 75% = \$1950.75</p>
Item 51061	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at one motion segment, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51062, 51063, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$2,880.00 Benefit: 75% = \$2160.00</p>
Item 51062	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 2 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51063, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$3,733.15 Benefit: 75% = \$2799.90</p>
Item 51063	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 3 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51064, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$4,521.55 Benefit: 75% = \$3391.20</p>

Item 51064	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 4 to 7 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51065 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$5,032.10 Benefit: 75% = \$3774.10</p>
Item 51065	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 8 to 11 motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion, not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51064 or 51066 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$5,565.45 Benefit: 75% = \$4174.10</p>
Item 51066	<p>Spine <u>Spinal</u> fusion, anterior and posterior, including spinal instrumentation at 12 or more motion segments, posterior and/or posterolateral bone graft, and anterior column fusion not being a service associated with a service to which item 51061, 51062, 51063, 51064 or 51065 applies (Anaes.) (Assist.)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141, TN.8.147 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$5,859.80 Benefit: 75% = \$4394.85</p>
Item 51145	<p>Wound debridement or excision for post operative infection or haematoma following spinal surgery (Anaes.) (<u>Assist.</u>)</p> <p>(See para TN.8.141 of explanatory notes to this Category) Fee: \$449.55 Benefit: 75% = \$337.20</p>
Explanatory Note TN.8.141	<p>Application of items 51011 to 51171 (Sub-group 17)</p> <p>Spinal surgery items 51011 to 51171 cannot be performed in conjunction with any other item (outside of subgroup 17) in Group T8 of the MBS (surgical operation items 30001 to 50952), when that surgical item is related to spinal surgery. <u>Items 50600 to 50644 - spine surgery for scoliosis and kyphosis in paediatric patients - are excepted from this rule when claimed in conjunction with items 51113 and 51114.</u></p> <p><i>Meaning of Motion Segment</i></p> <p>Motion segment is defined as including all anatomical structures (including traversing and exiting nerve roots) between and including the top of the pedicle above to the bottom of the pedicle below.</p> <p><i>Combined Anterior and Posterior Surgery</i></p> <p>Combined anterior/ posterior surgery items 51061, 51062, 51063, 51064, 51065 and 51066 cannot be claimed with any item between 51020 and 51045 (i.e. items for spinal instrumentation, posterior bone graft and/or anterior column fusion).</p> <p><i>Interpretation of Spinal Fusion</i></p> <p>Lumbar spinal fusion may not be claimed for chronic low back pain for which a diagnosis has not been made.</p>