

# Quick Points



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## Computer-Assisted Musculoskeletal Surgical Navigational policy reminder

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus would like to remind providers that there is an active medical policy for computer-assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedures, Policy IV-88.

This medical policy stipulates that computer-assisted surgery for orthopedic procedures of the pelvis and appendicular skeleton are always considered **incidental** to another primary surgical procedure. Therefore, no separate reimbursement will be considered.

### Procedure codes

This medical policy applies to the following procedure codes:

Code	Definition
0054T	Computer-assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image-guidance based on fluoroscopic images (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
0055T	Computer-assisted musculoskeletal surgical navigational orthopedic procedure, with image-guidance based on CT/MRI images (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
20985	Computer-assisted surgical navigational procedure for musculoskeletal procedures, image-less (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

### Adherence and enforcement of policy

This Quick Points is a reminder that providers must abide by the requirements of all medical policies.

To view medical policies, go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com) and select “medical policy” under “tools & resources.”

### Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider service at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.