

# ProDisc-C Total Disc Replacement.

## Hospital Billing Guide.



Instruments and implants  
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# 1. Evidence of Medical Necessity

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Diagnosis codes (ICD-9 codes) are a drill-down to the most appropriate diagnosis to establish medical necessity.

The main heading is:

- 721.0...Cervical spondylosis without myelopathy  
*drill down to*
- 722.71...Intervertebral disc disorder with myelopathy; cervical region

## **Gather patient history**

Indicate the following:

- SCDD causing intractable, debilitating radiculopathy from one vertebral segment between C3 and C7
- Unresponsive to nonoperative treatment for at least six weeks
- Had a Neck Disability Index (NDI) score greater than or equal to 15/50 (30%).

Along with the above documentation, include a:

- **Letter of medical necessity**  
(sample at [www.synthesprodisc.com](http://www.synthesprodisc.com))

When the information is gathered into a package, call the payor for **prior authorization**. Remember that this is an unfamiliar benefit for most payors; you need to educate them and walk them through the process.

Help is available at the ProDisc-C

Patient Assistance Line (PAL): 800-895-7764

## 2. Procedure Codes

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The ICD-9-CM for cervical disc arthroplasty is:

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84.62      Insertion of total spinal disc prosthesis,  
                 cervical

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### **MS-DRGs**

As of October 2007, Medicare has changed the DRGs to MS-DRGs. This procedure maps to MS-DRG 490.

### **The descriptor is:**

Back and neck procedures except spinal fusion with CC/MCC or disc device/neurostim.

The previous DRGs for this procedure were/are 499 and 500. There could also be procedures that mapped to 531 and 532.

Disc arthroplasty should be preauthorized by the provider.

## 3. Payment

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278      Revenue Code

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- Disc arthroplasty is considered new therapy for SCDD
- Documentation of the work involved and the supplies used will be required to support payment for disc arthroplasty
- You should explain the procedure for the payor to ensure adequate payment to you

**Documentation templates for ProDisc-C are available online, and may be downloaded at any time (24/7) from the website:**  
**[www.synthesprodisc.com](http://www.synthesprodisc.com)**

Or contact the ProDisc-C Patient Assistance Line **(PAL): 800-895-7764**

**PAL** personnel are available 9 am–8 pm (ET), Mon–Fri. These professionals can share their experiences with you and help you to prepare a clean claim.

Visit the ProDisc website 24/7  
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- Third-party payors need education on the therapy and evidence of medical necessity**
- You need to help the payor through the payment process**

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