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***** Important Update *****

Lumbar Fusion

There has been an important update to the Lumbar Fusion Guideline from Washington State Labor and Industries
effective date is **March 7, 2016**

Lumbar fusion for degenerative disc disease (DDD) uncomplicated by comorbidities is not a covered benefit. The decision is based on a Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC) coverage determination finalized on January 15, 2016.

Please follow link below for further information:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Providers/TreatingPatients/ByCondition/lumbarfusionarthrodesis.asp>