

**Kepro/ Hillsborough (HCHCP) Prior Authorization**

**MRI & CT Lumbar Spine Questionnaire   
CPT CODES: 72148, 72131**

**Q1** Patient has presumed Cauda Equina Syndrome

**Q2** Patient has presumed Nerve Root or Spinal Cord Compression by Tumor

**Q3** Procedure is follow- up on epidural abcess, bone metastases or suspected meningocele

**Q4** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar   
Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there is on   
Physical Examination (PE) severe or moderate one-   
sided weakness, motor deficit or atrophy along a   
nerve root distribution

**Q5** Choose nerve distribution with loss of function L1 - L2

L2 - L3

L3 - L4

L4 - L5

L5 - S1

None of the

above

**Q6** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar   
Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there is

moderate to severe numbness and sensory loss by PE   
along a nerve root distribution

**Q7** Does pain fit anatomic distribution of motor and sensory findings?

**Q8** Choose nerve distribution with loss of function L1 - L2

L2 - L3

L3 - L4

L4 - L5

L5 - S1

None of the

above

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**Q9** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there is

moderate to severe numbness and sensory loss by PE   
along a nerve root distribution

**Q10** Choose nerve distribution with loss of function L1 - L2

L2 - L3

L3 - L4

L4 - L5

L5 - S1

None of the above

**Q11** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar   
Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there is failed   
medication trial NSAID/ Mild narcotics for > 6 weeks

**Q12** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar   
Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there is failed   
physical therapy for > 6 weeks

**Q13** Patient has presumed Lumbar Radiculopathy, Lumbar   
Spinal Stenosis, or Osteomyelitis and there has been   
Activity Modification for > 6 weeks

**Q14** Patient has loss of bladder or bowel function   
(Incontinence of Urine or stool)

**Q15** Patient has Loss of Sphincter tone on PE

**Q16** Patient has difficulty ambulating due to loss of foot   
control & Use of assistive device (wheelchair or   
walker) for ambulation

**Q17** Patient has Foot drop on PE

**Q18** Patient has Foot drop on PE & use of assistive device   
(wheelchair or walker) for ambulation

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| **Q19** Patient has experienced sudden onset of: (Check all that apply) | Severe pain, numbness, or tingling Weakness  Foot Drop Questionable x-ray finding of mass in spine |

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| **Q20** Patient diagnosis is to rule out: (Check 1 if appropriate) | Spinal fracture  Cord  Compression  Metastatic  Cancer to spine |

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