

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Medical Policy: Total Ankle Replacement - Arthroplasty</b>	<b>Policy #:</b>	<b>MP-273</b>
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## Policy Information

<b>Owner Department:</b>	Medical UM & Systems Department
<b>Owner:</b>	Assigned Medical Director
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*If there is a discrepancy between a medical policy and a patient's policy or plan document/summary plan description, the policy or plan document/summary plan descriptions provisions and limitations will govern the determination of benefits.*

## Purpose of the Policy

To make utilization decisions, Health Alliance uses written criteria based on sound clinical evidence for appropriately applying the criteria.

## Statement of the Policy

To apply objective and evidence-based criteria when determining the medical appropriateness of health care services.

NOTE: Please refer to plan documents for prior authorization necessity/status.

## Interpretations

**Health Alliance uses InterQual criteria to determine the medical necessity of total ankle replacement.** The InterQual criteria are available in the Utilization Management software system and can be accessed by providers when submitting an authorization digitally.

### Medicare Advantage Criteria details:

- No NCDs or LCDs are available. [MCD Search \(cms.gov\)](#)

## Codes

\*Codes listed are for informational purposes only and do not necessarily indicate prior authorization is or is not required or coverage is guaranteed.

27702	Arthroplasty, ankle: with implant (total ankle)
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Providers are required to indicate the diagnosis and procedure codes when requesting review of coverage.

## References

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History			
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	08/21/18 – MDC-Approved InterQual 2018 revisions.		
	07/16/19 – MDC-Annual review, no change.		
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	06/15/21 – MDC-Annual review, no changes.		
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