

Checklist: Surgical services

This checklist is an aid to assist providers when responding to medical record documentation requests pertaining to surgical services.

It is the responsibility of the practitioner who provided the services to ensure the correct submission of documentation.

Note: To print and include this checklist with your medical documentation, click the print button at the end of this form.

Documentation requirements

- Operative note for procedure reports
- Any applicable physician orders
- Test reports or results
- Anesthesia report(s) for any surgical procedure
- When applicable any admission and discharge summary
- Any other documentation that supports medical necessity of the service billed

Disclaimer: This checklist was created as an aid to assist providers. This aid is not intended as a replacement for the documentation requirements published in national or local coverage determinations, or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) documentation guidelines. It is the responsibility of the provider of services to ensure the correct, complete, and thorough submission of documentation.