

RESOLUTION IV-2011S

Title: Payor Policy Response for Cervical Artificial Discs

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WHEREAS, Insurance Coverage Policies are intended to provide guidance in interpreting health care benefit plans and coverage determinations; and

WHEREAS, many policies do not cover the implantation of the cervical intervertebral disc prosthesis (e.g., PRESTIGE™ ST, ProDisc™-C, BRYAN® Cervical Disc) for any indication because it is considered experimental, investigational or unproven; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Health Technology Assessment Program (HTA) voted on October 17, 2008 to provide coverage, with conditions, for lumbar and cervical artificial discs after reviewing evidence and hearing public testimony from six collaborating spine societies including the AANS and CNS; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS collect and review the current payor policies related to cervical disc arthroplasty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CSNS work in conjunction with the AANS and CNS to develop a policy response and position statement for cervical disc arthroplasty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CSNS coordinate a multi-society support of this response and position statement and disseminate to the payors.

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