



## **SI-BONE, Inc. Announces Anthem, Inc. Adopts Coverage Guidelines for Sacroiliac Joint Fusion Exclusive to the Triangular iFuse Implant System® for Its More Than 40 Million Members**

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**Anthem is America's 2nd largest commercial health insurer and joins more than 35 other health plans to offer coverage exclusively for the triangular iFuse Implant System**

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug. 02, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- SI-BONE, Inc., (Nasdaq: SIBN) a Silicon Valley-based medical device company dedicated to solving musculoskeletal disorders of the sacropelvic anatomy, today announced that Anthem, Inc. will cover minimally invasive SI joint fusion exclusively when performed with the iFuse system of triangular titanium implants. Anthem has adopted coverage guidelines from AIM Specialty Health, a subsidiary specialty benefit management company with medical necessity guidelines that support minimally invasive SI joint fusion only when iFuse implants (titanium triangular implants) are used.

The new policy provides coverage for chronic sacroiliac joint pain and functional impairment, provided certain criteria are met, resulting in virtually universal coverage for the iFuse Implant System.

Anthem's adoption of AIM guidelines for its members can be found here: <https://aimspecialtyhealth.com/anthem185/musculoskeletal>.

The link to the new guidelines for medical necessity of iFuse procedures can be found here: [https://aimspecialtyhealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AIM\\_Guidelines\\_MSK\\_Sacroiliac\\_Joint\\_Fusion.pdf](https://aimspecialtyhealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/AIM_Guidelines_MSK_Sacroiliac_Joint_Fusion.pdf)

The new policy will be implemented across Anthem's family of health plans beginning July 30, 2021. The AIM clinical appropriateness guidelines for sacroiliac joint fusion provide clearer guidance for broader access to the iFuse Implant System for Anthem's more than 40 million members throughout the U.S.

"We are pleased with Anthem's decision to adopt clinical appropriateness guidelines for minimally invasive SI joint fusion that more closely align with current medical practice, and which reflect the multiple Level I and Level II clinical trials of the iFuse Implant System," said Laura Francis, Chief Executive Officer at SI-BONE. "Payors continue to rely on long-term outcomes from high-quality randomized controlled trials when establishing coverage criteria for new treatments which is a cornerstone of our strategy. With this updated policy, Anthem joins other large payors including United Healthcare, CIGNA, Humana, Aetna and Centene, to provide positive coverage for iFuse, which is great news for the millions of Anthem plan members."

### **About SI-BONE, Inc.**

SI-BONE (NASDAQ: SIBN) is a global leader in technology for surgical treatment of musculoskeletal disorders of the sacropelvic anatomy. In 2009, SI-BONE introduced the iFuse Implant System for minimally invasive surgery of the SI joint, shown to be a source of pain in 15% to 30% of chronic low back pain. Since then, more than 2,400 surgeons have performed a combined total of more than 55,000 SI joint fusion procedures. A unique body of evidence, supporting the iFuse Implant System, including two RCT's and over 95 peer reviewed publications, has enabled multiple government and private insurance payors to establish coverage of the SI joint fusion procedure exclusively when performed with the iFuse Implant System. SI-BONE is leveraging its market leadership position, supported by this proprietary reimbursement advantage, to commercialize other devices intended for surgical treatment of related aspects of the human anatomy. For more information or to join our team, please visit us at [www.si-bone.com](http://www.si-bone.com).

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