

## Laser Spine Institute Partners with United Healthcare

Contract with leader in affordable health benefits to meet demand of patients



TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 2 /PRNewswire/ -- **Laser Spine Institute** (LSI), the leader in minimally invasive spinal surgery, is pleased to **announce a partnership with United Healthcare and affiliates** after an extensive six-month negotiation and clinical review process. Laser Spine Institute is the largest healthcare provider of minimally invasive spinal surgery to ever contract with United Healthcare. Effective immediately, patients with United Healthcare may be covered for qualified neck and back procedures at Laser Spine Institute.

As a top five player in every market, United Healthcare's broad reach serves more than 25 million Americans and is thus able to integrate and share health information to better coordinate patient care. The company's national coverage reach and deep experience in merging cutting-edge technology with clinical expertise now allows LSI to be more accessible for patients in an effort to meet the growing demand for minimally invasive spinal procedures.

"Laser Spine Institute continues to evolve toward the vision we set out five years ago, to be the most trusted global leader in spine care services, which becomes more real every day," says Bill Horne, CEO of LSI. "Through successful growth and expansion, we maintain our commitment to seek new opportunities that will benefit our patients, such as the new in-network contract between LSI and United Healthcare. This new relationship will make the best spine surgical treatment available today more accessible to those suffering from chronic back and neck pain."

Laser Spine Institute performs more procedures each month than any spinal surgery provider in the world. The team of renowned surgeons is able to treat a variety of back and neck conditions with a drastically reduced recovery time so patients can quickly get back to the activities they love. LSI's surgical centers in Tampa, Fla. and Scottsdale, Ariz. have received accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAH) and the newest facility in Philadelphia, Pa. is also on its way to earning this distinguished accreditation. From pre-operative imaging and diagnostic testing, to endoscopic surgery and post-operative physical therapy, patients receive the highest quality care combined with the most advanced treatments at LSI.

Potential candidates with back and neck pain can visit [www.laserspineinstitute.com/pr](http://www.laserspineinstitute.com/pr) or call toll free 1-866-761-5084 for more information on outpatient, minimally invasive spinal surgery and upcoming seminars in cities across the United States and Canada.

**About Laser Spine Institute:** Laser Spine Institute offers a successful alternative to traditional open back and neck surgeries. The orthopedic surgeons at LSI can treat painful ailments with endoscopic outpatient procedures. Chronic pain that stems from pinched nerves, herniated discs, bulging discs, degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, foraminal stenosis, spinal arthritis, bone spurs and failed open back or neck surgery can be alleviated with Laser Spine Institute's minimally invasive approach.

**About United Health Care:** UnitedHealthcare provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes, including more than half of the Fortune 100 companies. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of more than 25 million individual consumers, contracting directly with approximately 590,000 physicians and care professionals and more than 4,900 hospitals to offer them broad, convenient access to services nationwide.

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