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| **Change Notification:**  cn\_2020\_NCAMP\_ HSC S44 Orthopaedic Spinal Surgery\_v2.0  **Date of Issue:**  11 December 2019 | **http://www.peoplenet.co.nz/Images/Logos/MinistryOfHealth.jpg** |

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| **Proposed Implementation Date:**  01 July 2020 | **Subject:** HSC S44 Orthopaedic Spinal Surgery |
| **CHANGE NOTIFICATION** | |
| Summary:  Creating the new Health Specialty Code S44 will allow spinal cord trauma events to be more accurately identified within the NMDS. | |
| **National Collections Impacted by Change:** | National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) |
| Context of the Change:  This will be used to identify Spinal Cord Trauma (SCI) patients who are in the acute and sub-acute phase of care.  The current process does not allow anyone outside of the DHB to easily identify the acute event for those patients who are on the Spinal Cord Impairment pathway without looking first for the sub-acute event (HSC S50) and then working backwards. | |
| **Details of Proposed Change:**   * Implement HSC S44 and map to purchase unit S45.01 * The use of HSC S44 will be restricted to Canterbury and Counties Manukau DHBs by agency codes. * HSC S44 will have a start date of 1 July 2020 | |
| **What is Expected of the Sector:**  Canterbury and Counties Manukau DHBs are the only ones required to make this change | |
| **Impact of Change on National Collection(s):**  WIES will be updated to accommodate the change and record in NMDS | |
| **Comment:**  MOH is working with Counties Manukau and Canterbury DHB on defining the pathway and guidelines associated with S44. | |
| **Contact:** If you have any questions regarding this change notice, please email [ncamp@health.govt.nz](mailto:ncamp@health.govt.nz) | |